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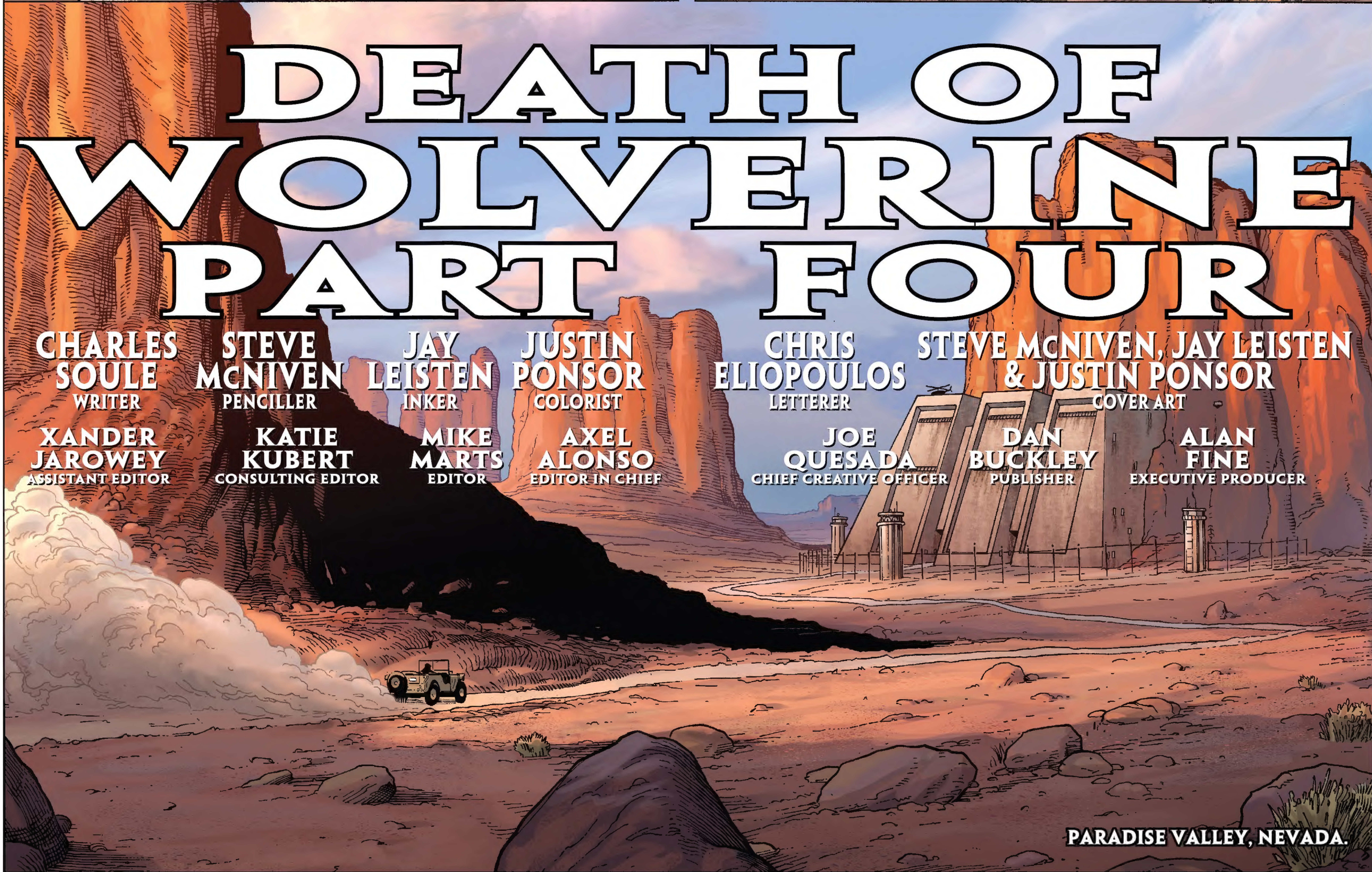
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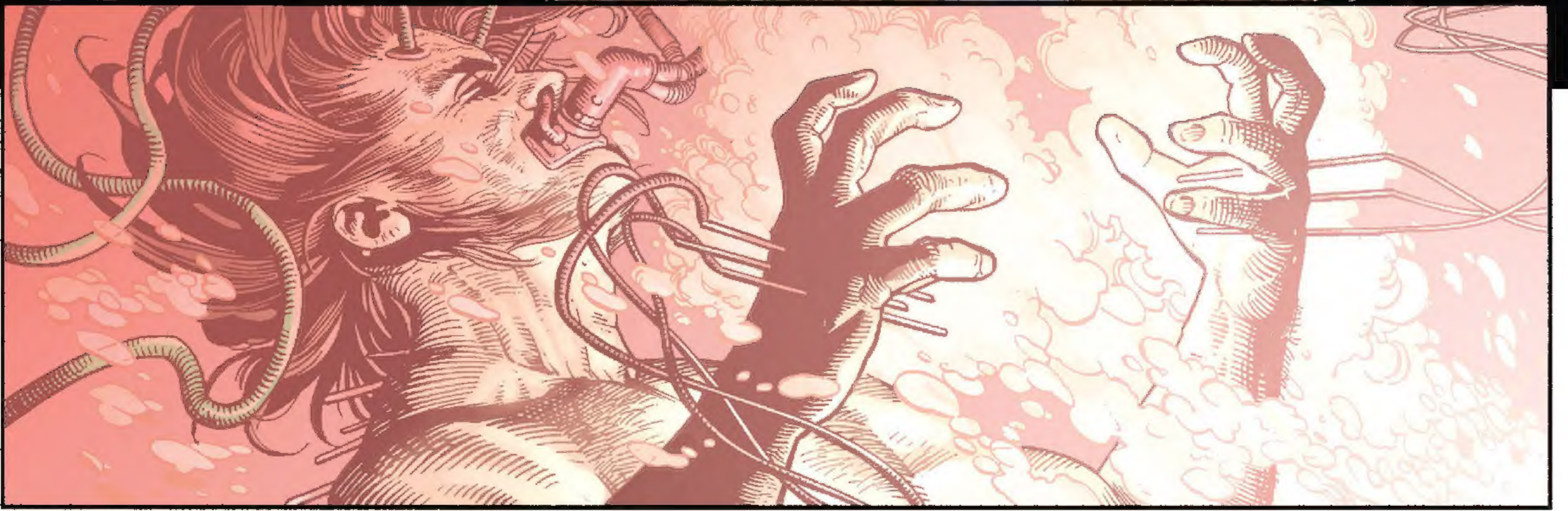
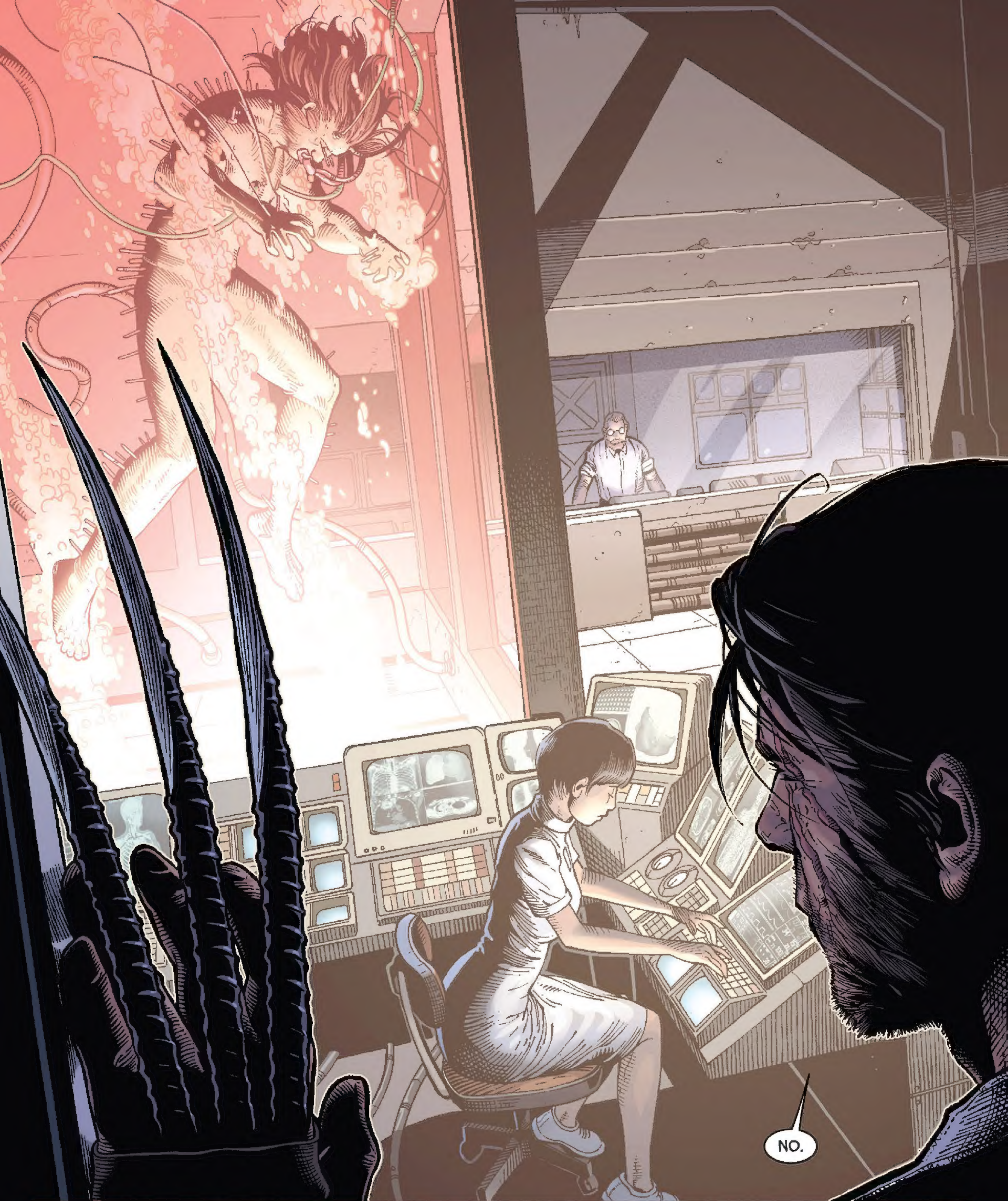
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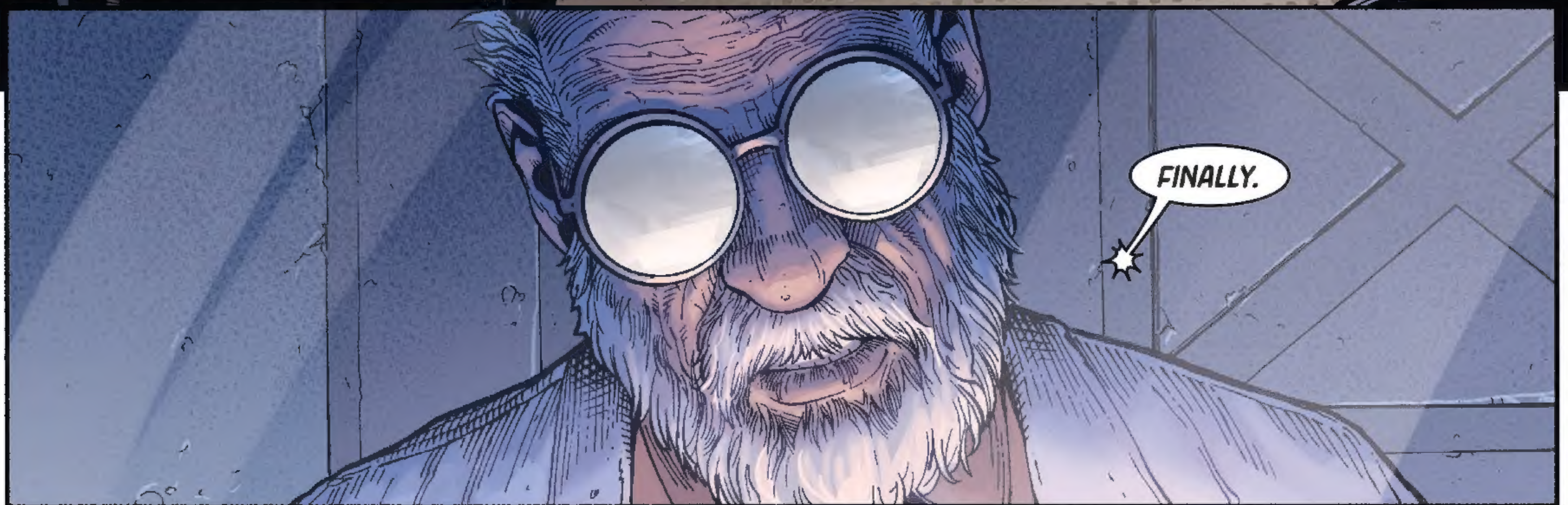
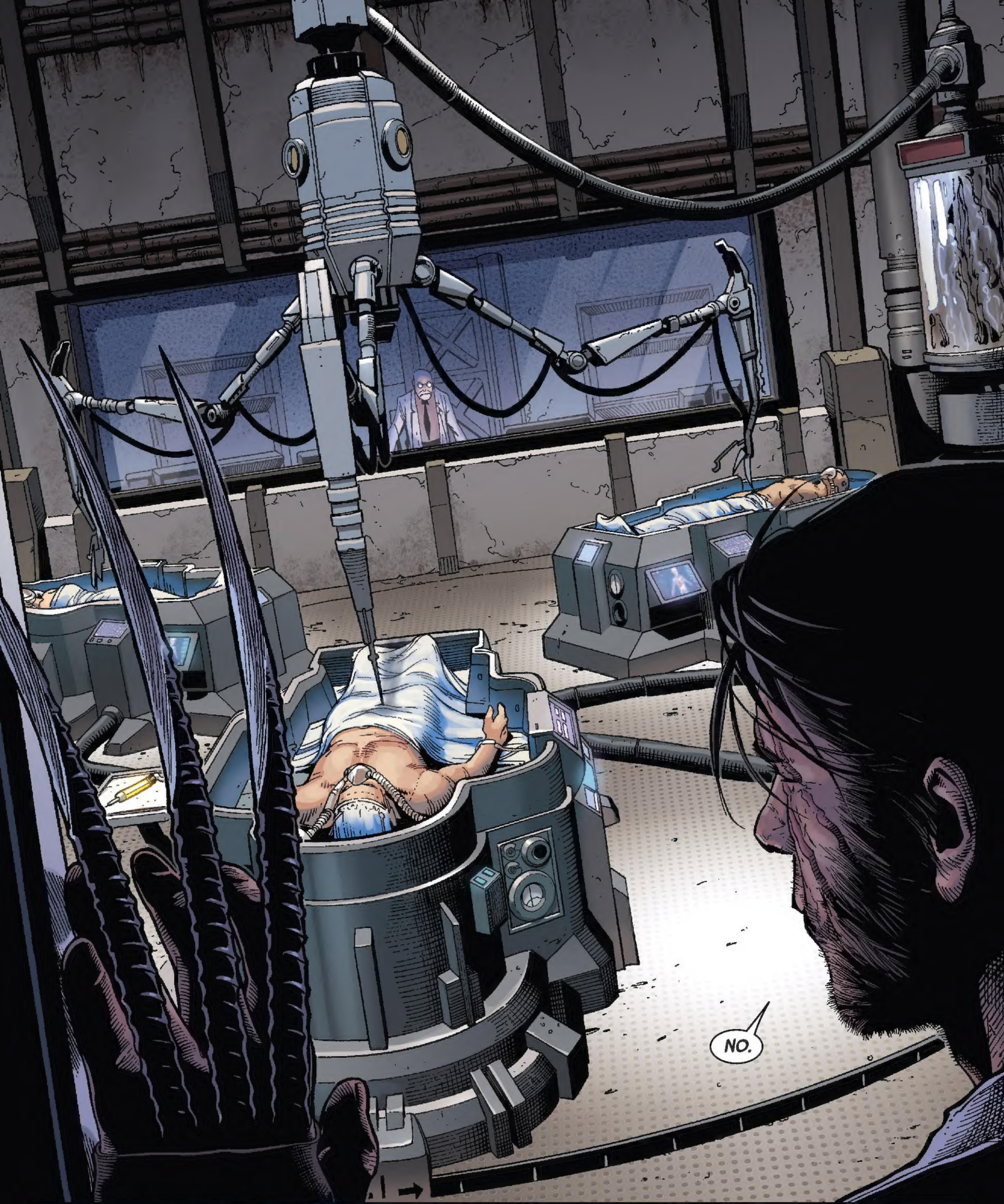
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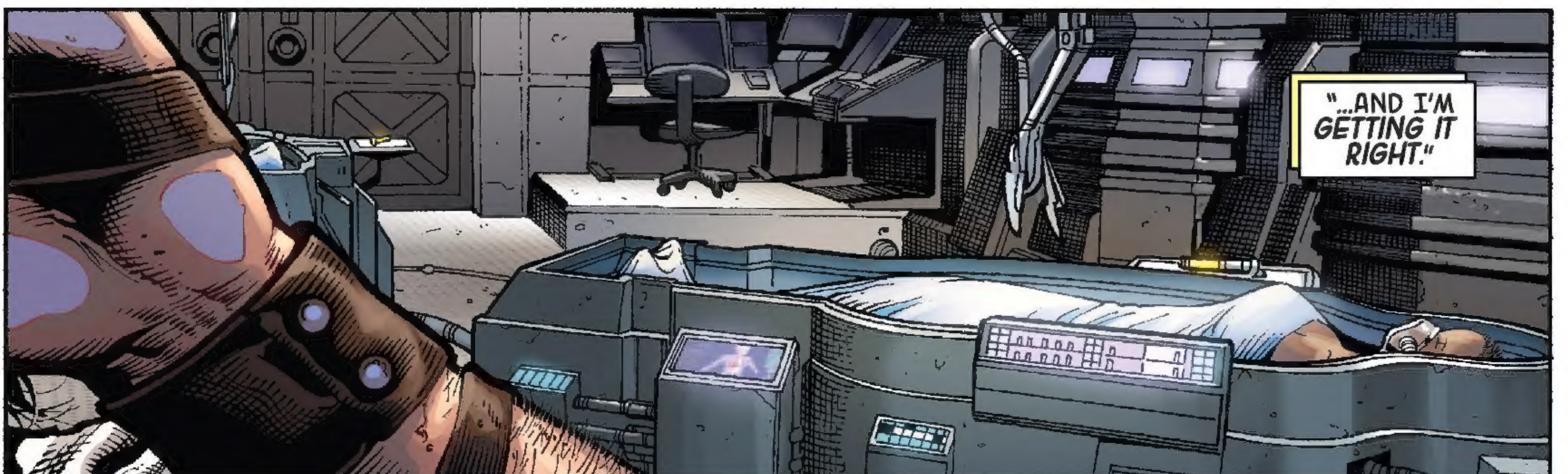
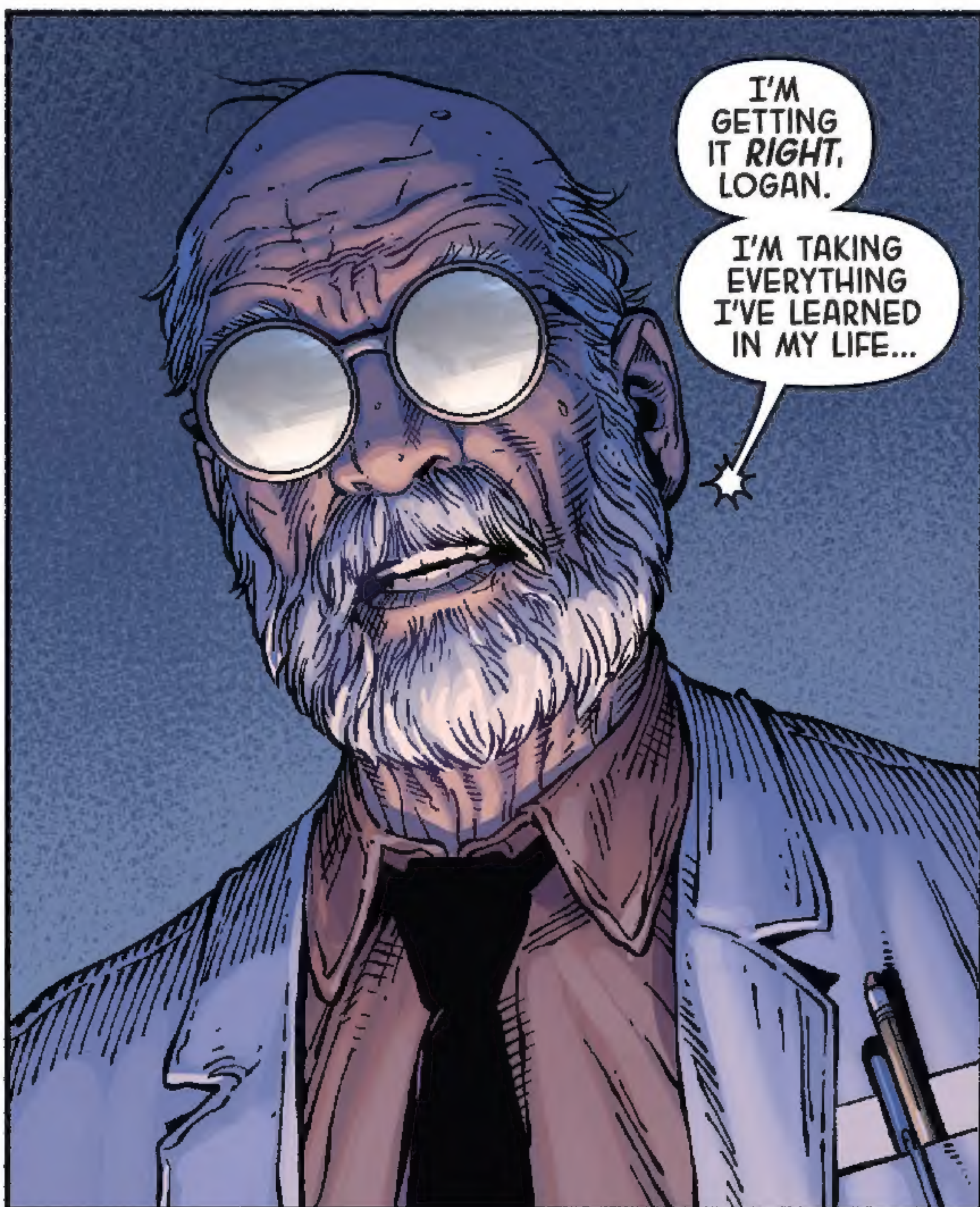
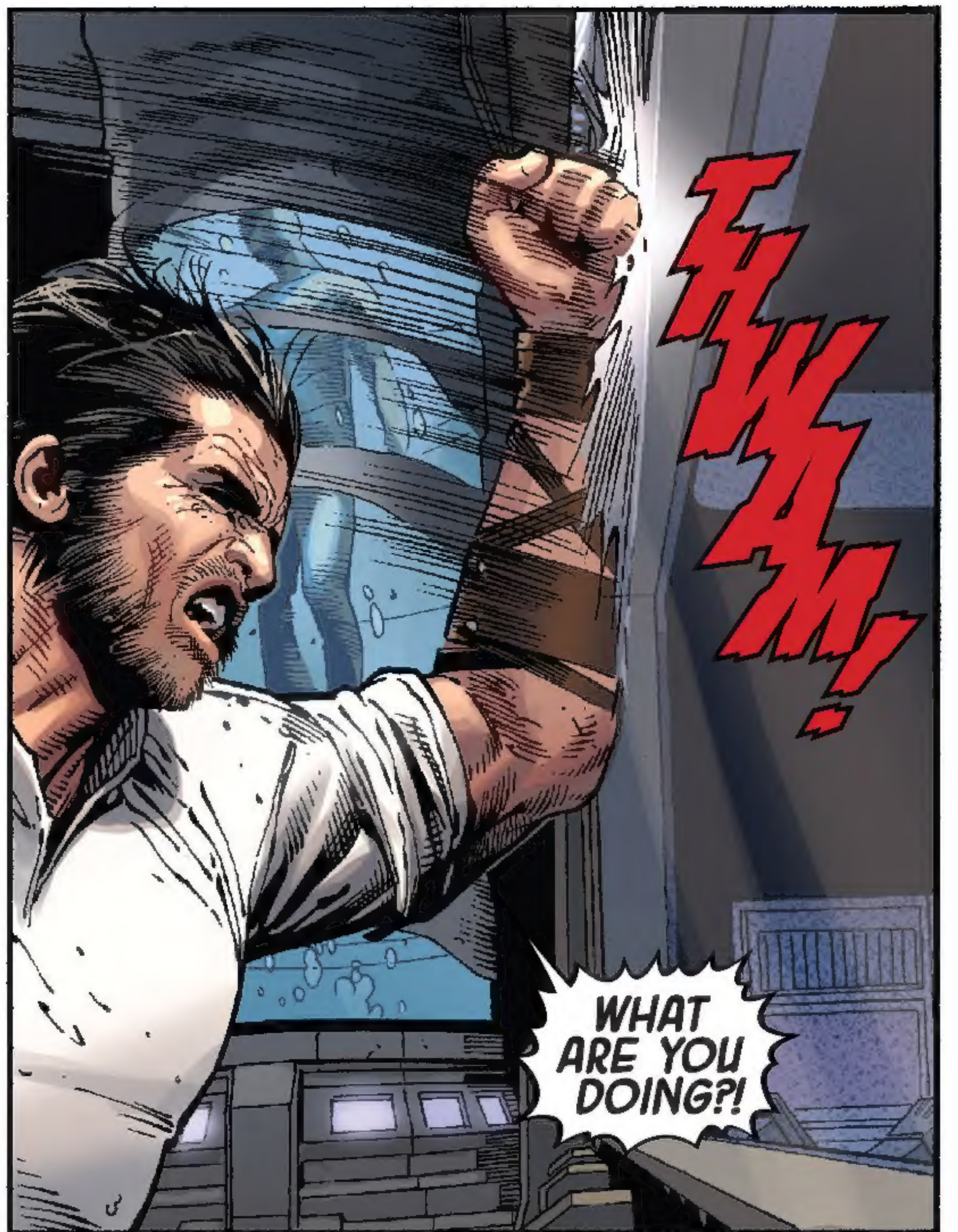


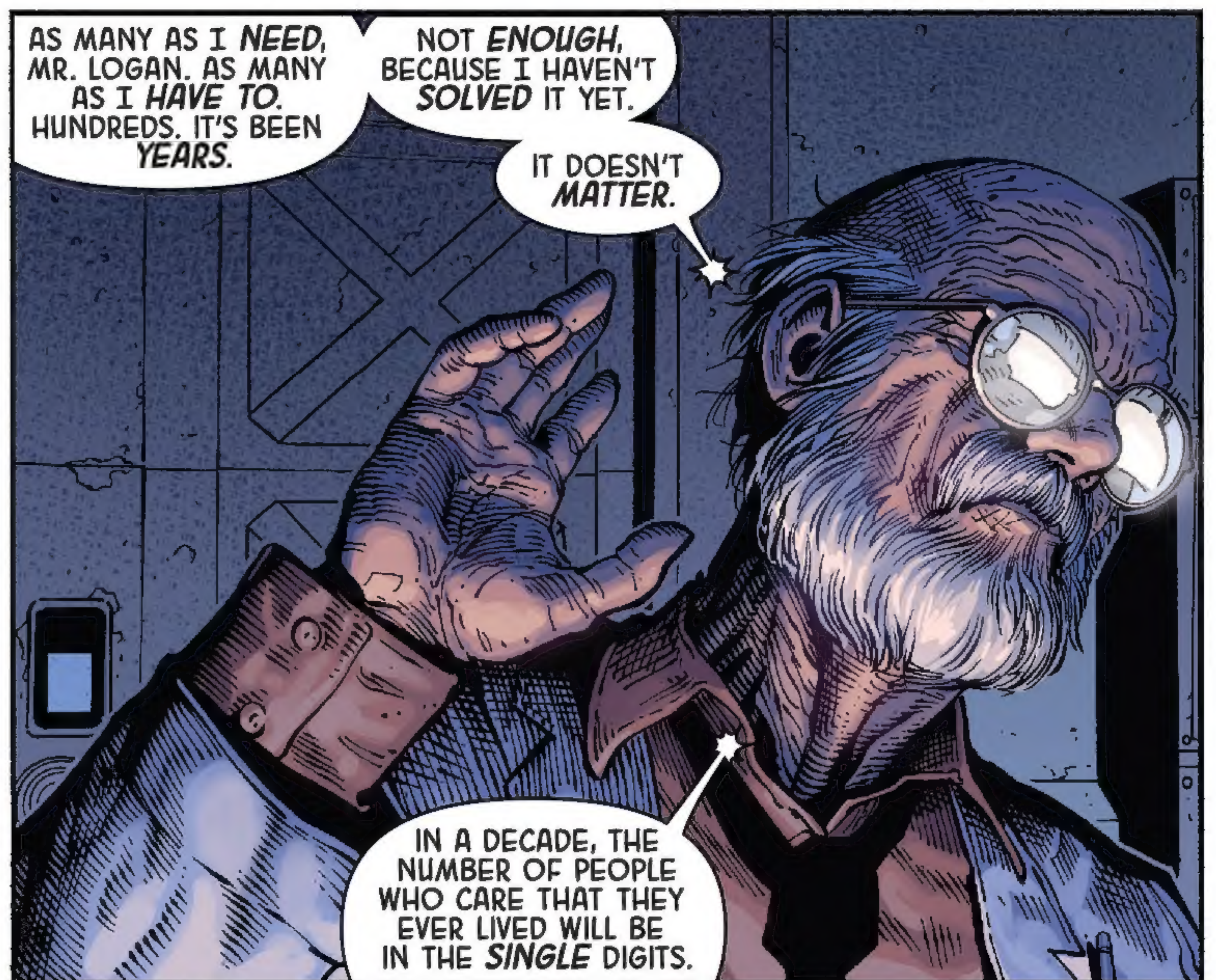
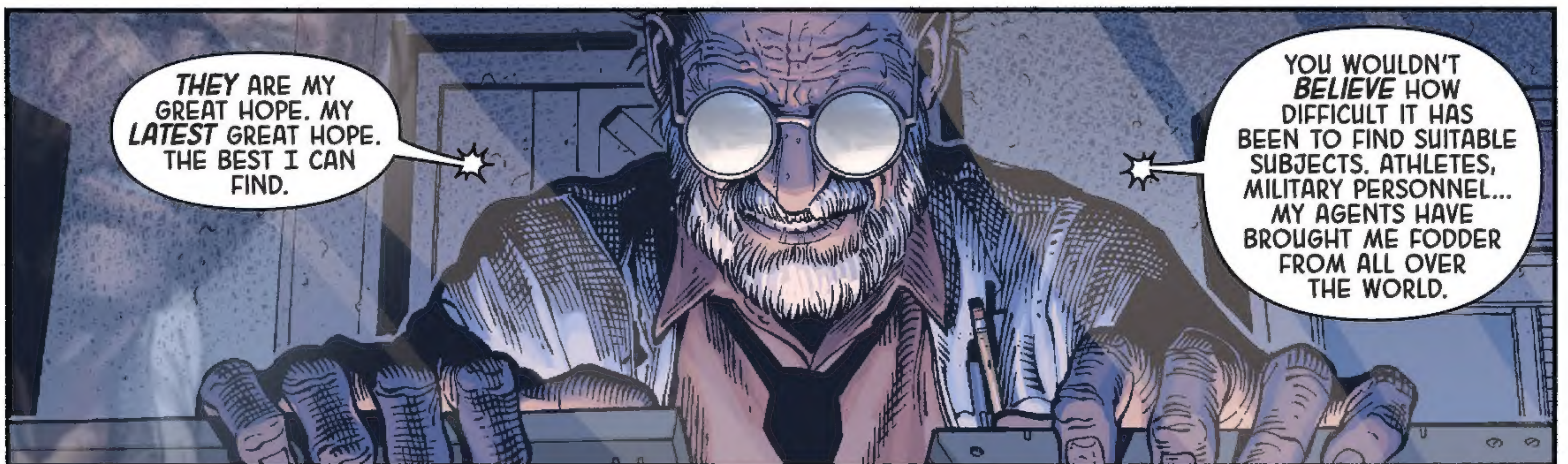
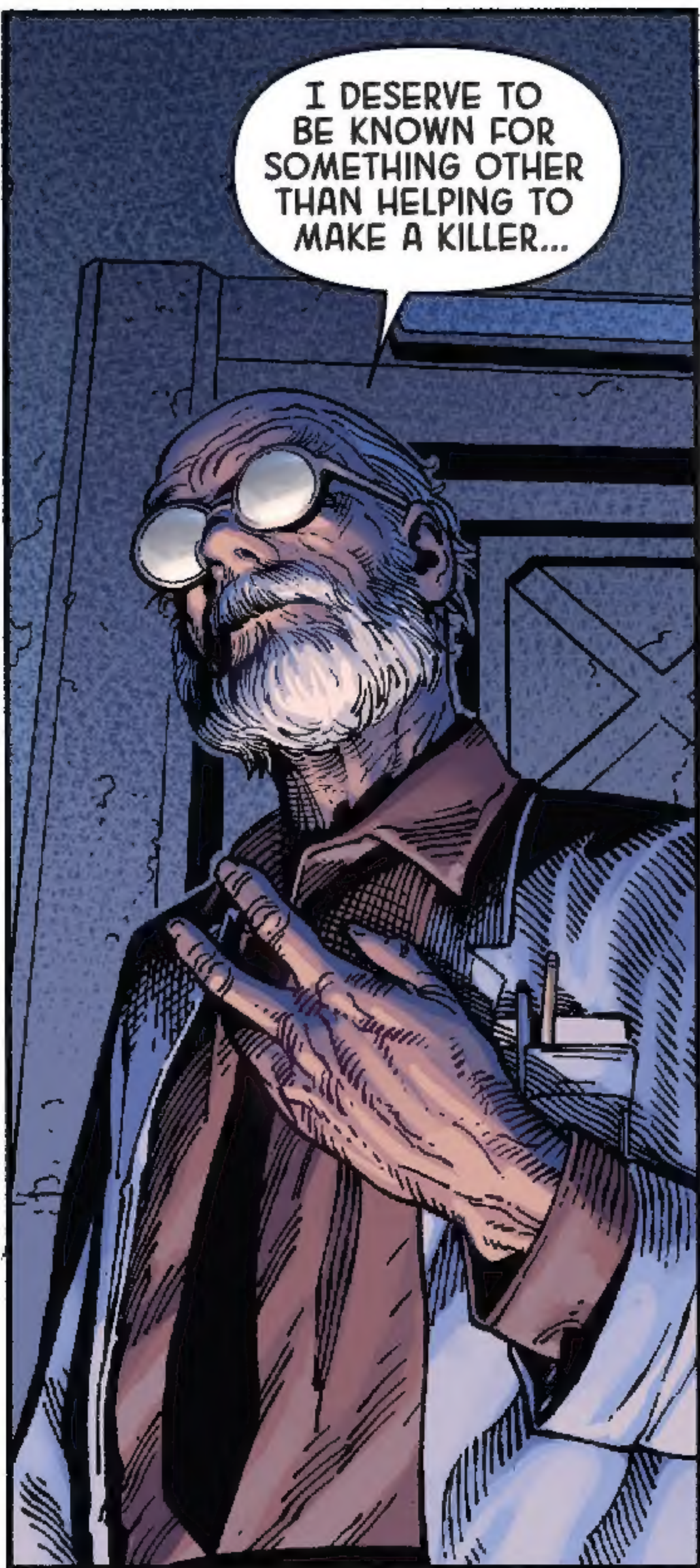
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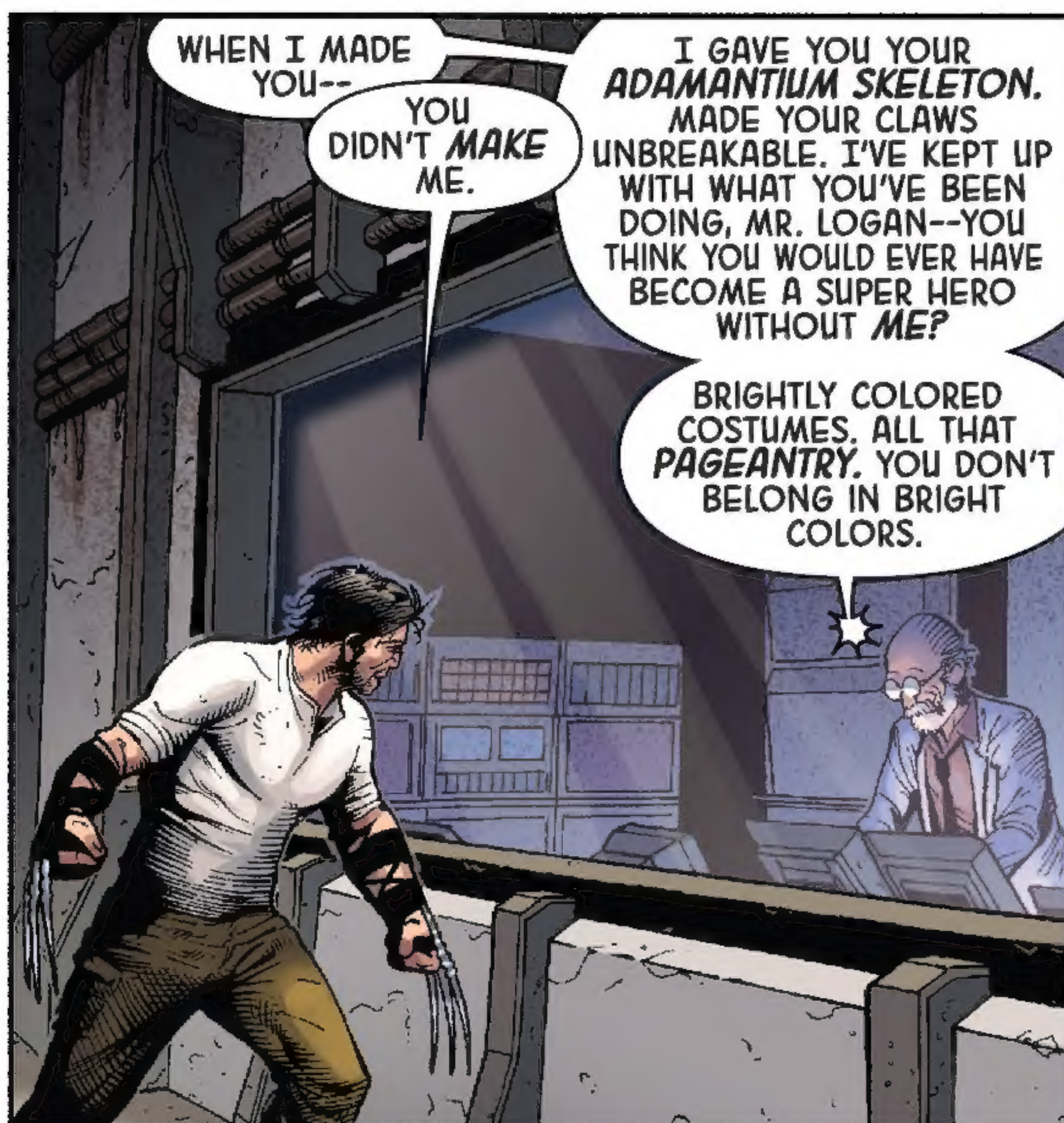










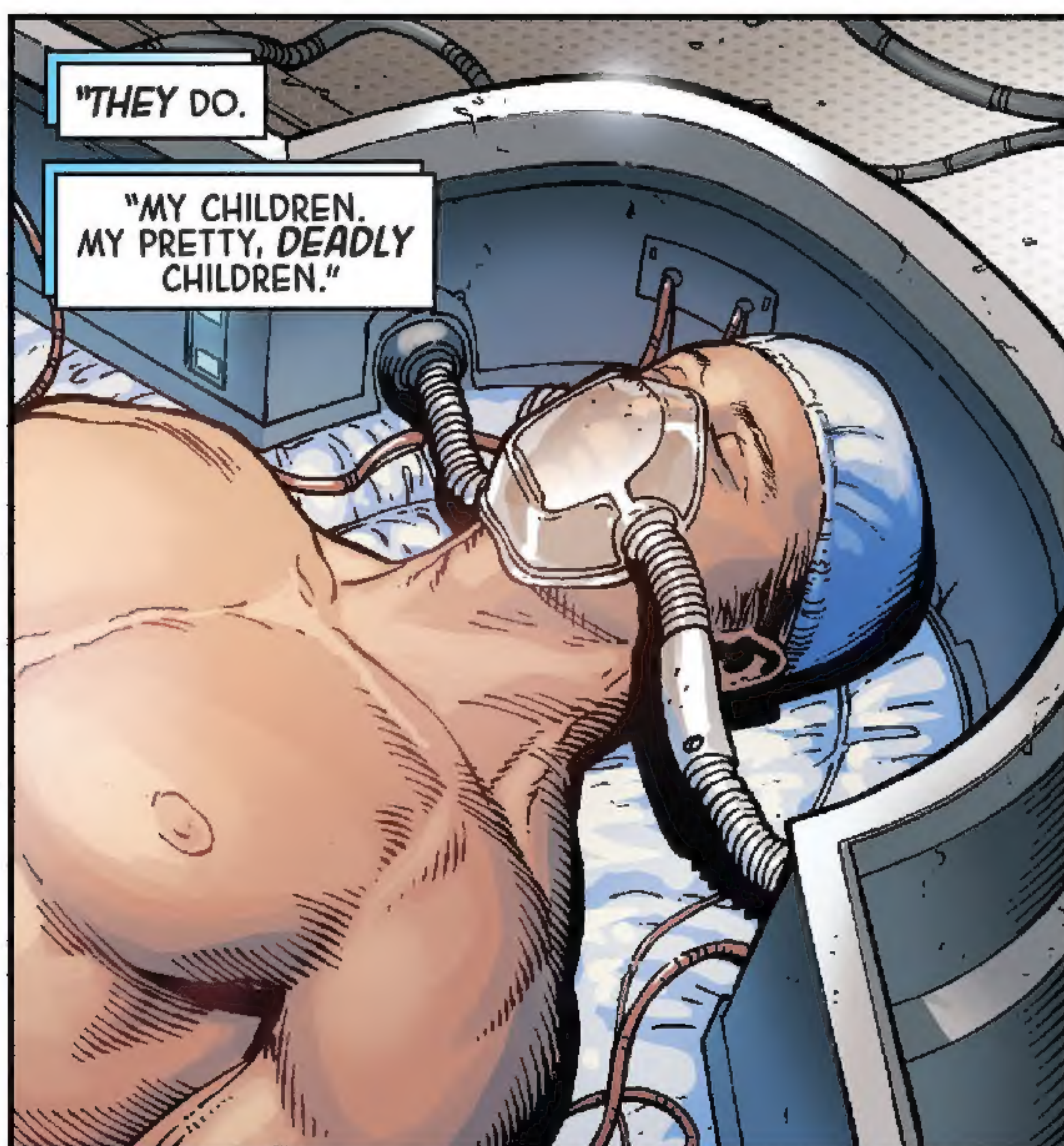


WHEN I MADE YOU--

YOU DIDN'T **MAKE** ME.

I GAVE YOU YOUR **ADAMANTIUM SKELETON**. MADE YOUR CLAWS UNBREAKABLE. I'VE KEPT UP WITH WHAT YOU'VE BEEN DOING, MR. LOGAN--YOU THINK YOU WOULD EVER HAVE BECOME A SUPER HERO WITHOUT **ME**?

BRIGHTLY COLORED COSTUMES. ALL THAT **PAGEANTRY**. YOU DON'T BELONG IN BRIGHT COLORS.



"**THEY DO.**"

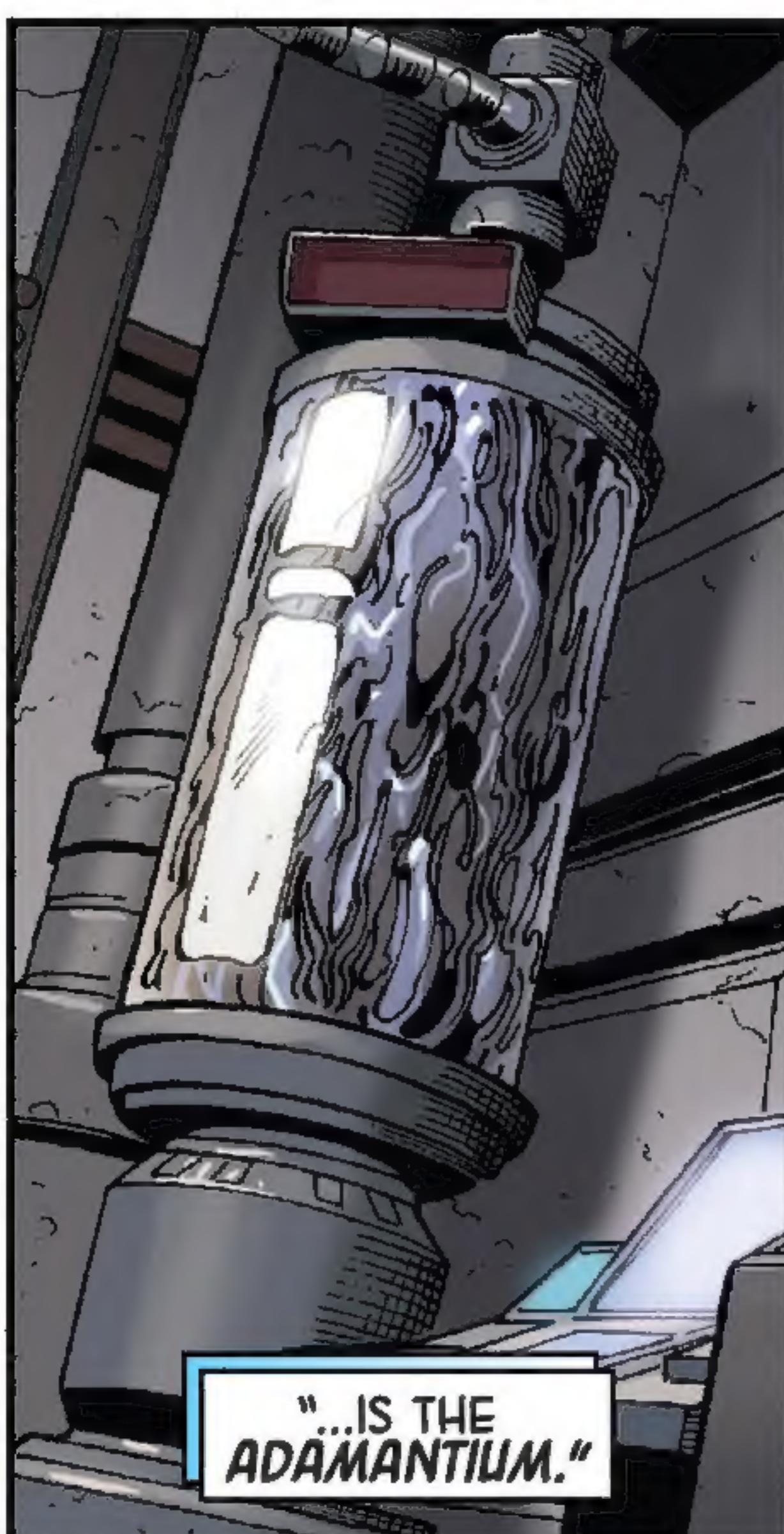
"MY CHILDREN. MY PRETTY, **DEADLY** CHILDREN."



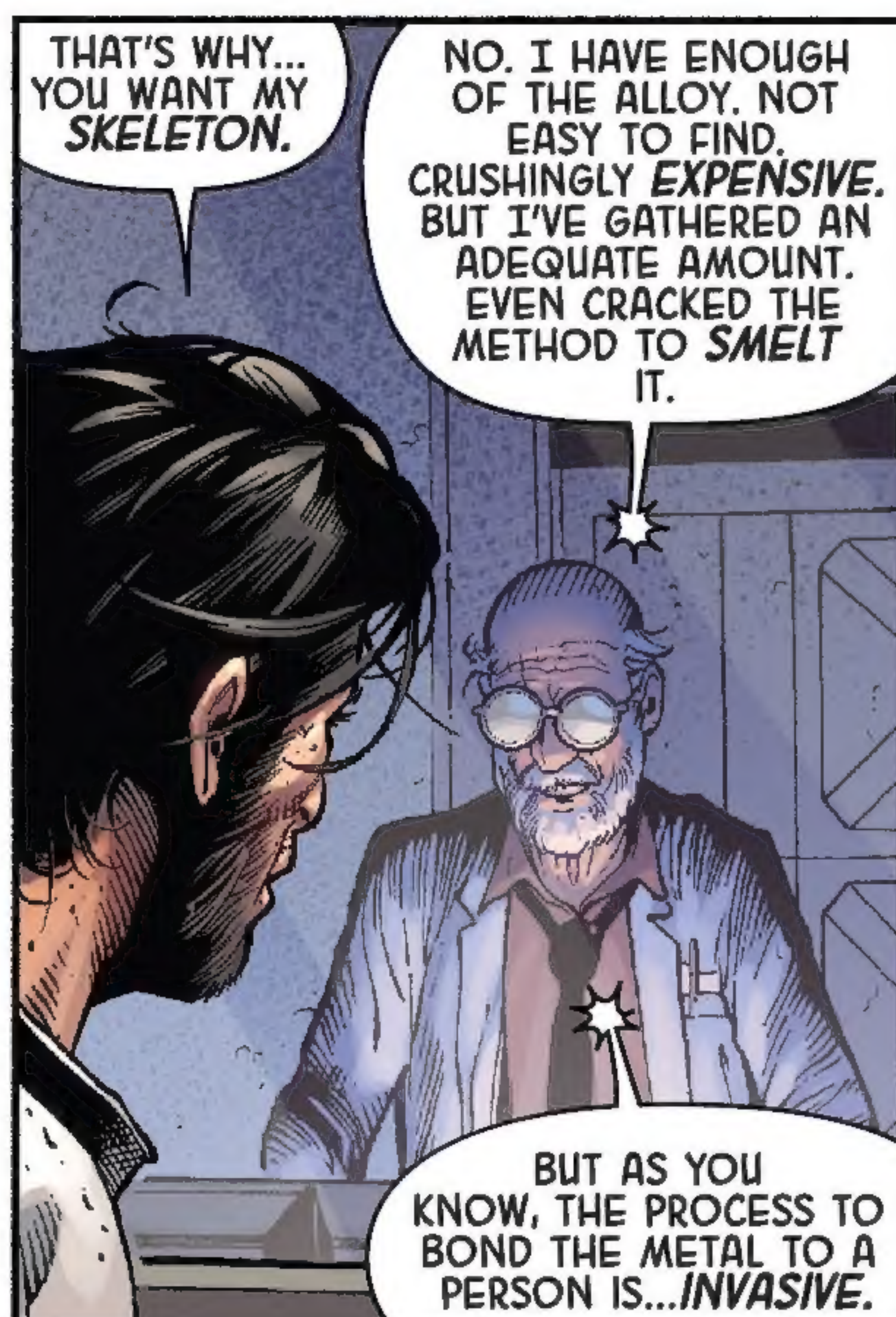
THEY'RE **CONDITIONED**. THEY'LL DO WHAT THEY'RE TOLD. NOT LIKE YOU.

I'VE ENHANCED EVERY SYSTEM...NEUROLOGICAL, ENDOCRINE, MUSCULAR... THEY'RE **PERFECT**.

ALL THEY NEED...



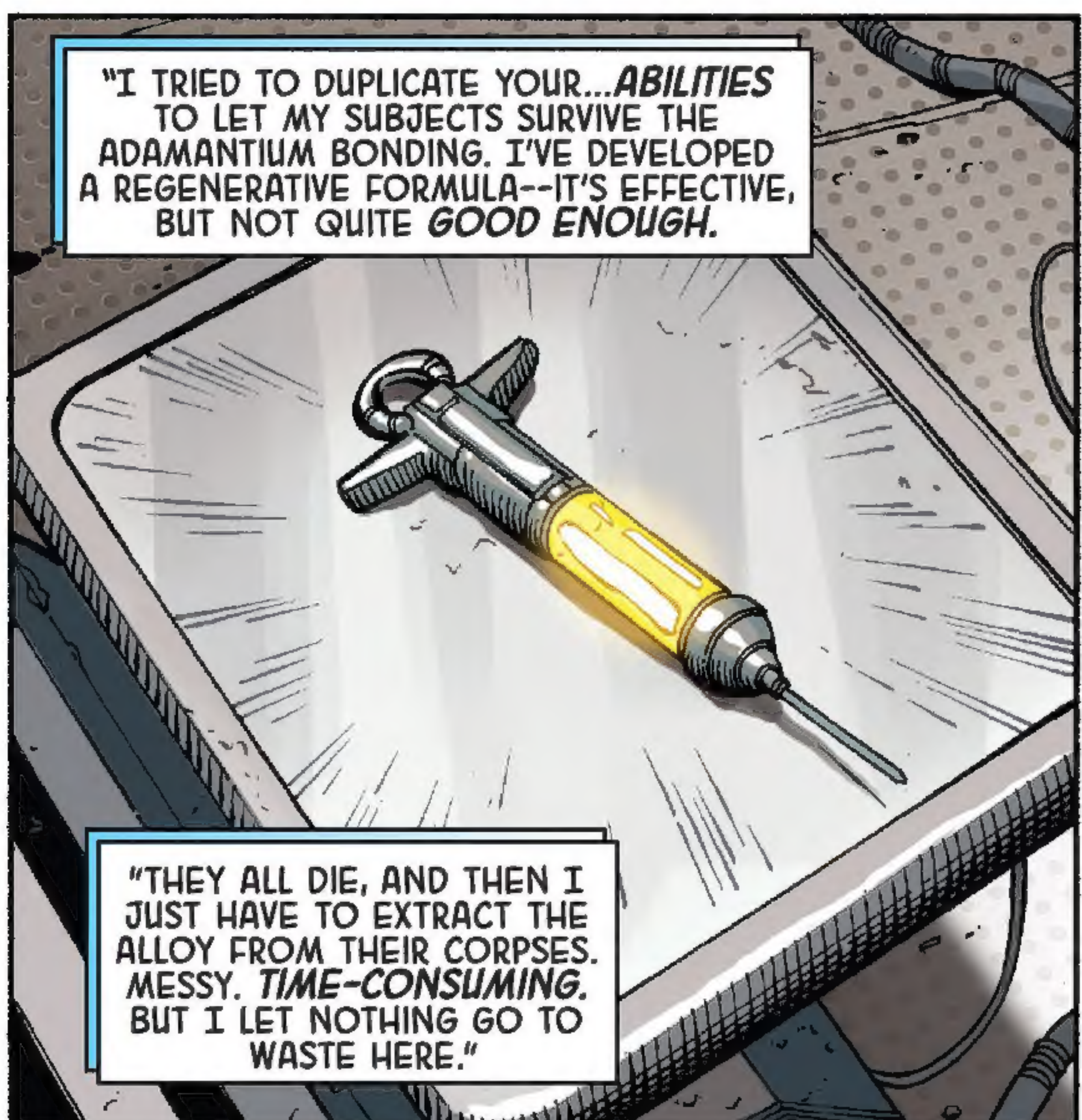
"...IS THE **ADAMANTIUM**."



THAT'S WHY... YOU WANT MY **SKELETON**.

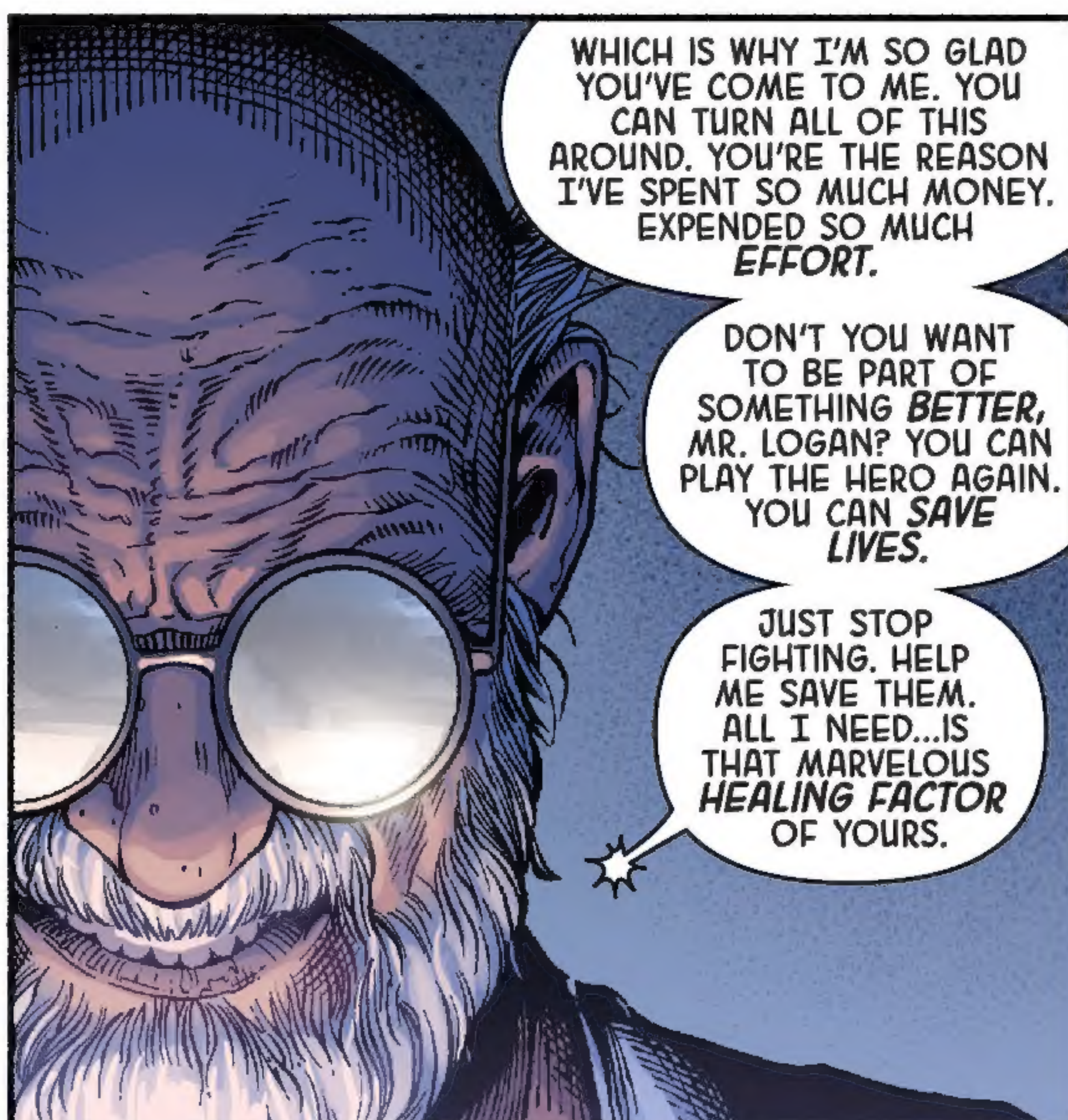
NO. I HAVE ENOUGH OF THE ALLOY. NOT EASY TO FIND. CRUSHINGLY **EXPENSIVE**. BUT I'VE GATHERED AN ADEQUATE AMOUNT. EVEN CRACKED THE METHOD TO **SMELT** IT.

BUT AS YOU KNOW, THE PROCESS TO BOND THE METAL TO A PERSON IS...**INVASIVE**.



"I TRIED TO DUPLICATE YOUR...**ABILITIES** TO LET MY SUBJECTS SURVIVE THE ADAMANTIUM BONDING. I'VE DEVELOPED A REGENERATIVE FORMULA--IT'S EFFECTIVE, BUT NOT QUITE **GOOD ENOUGH**."

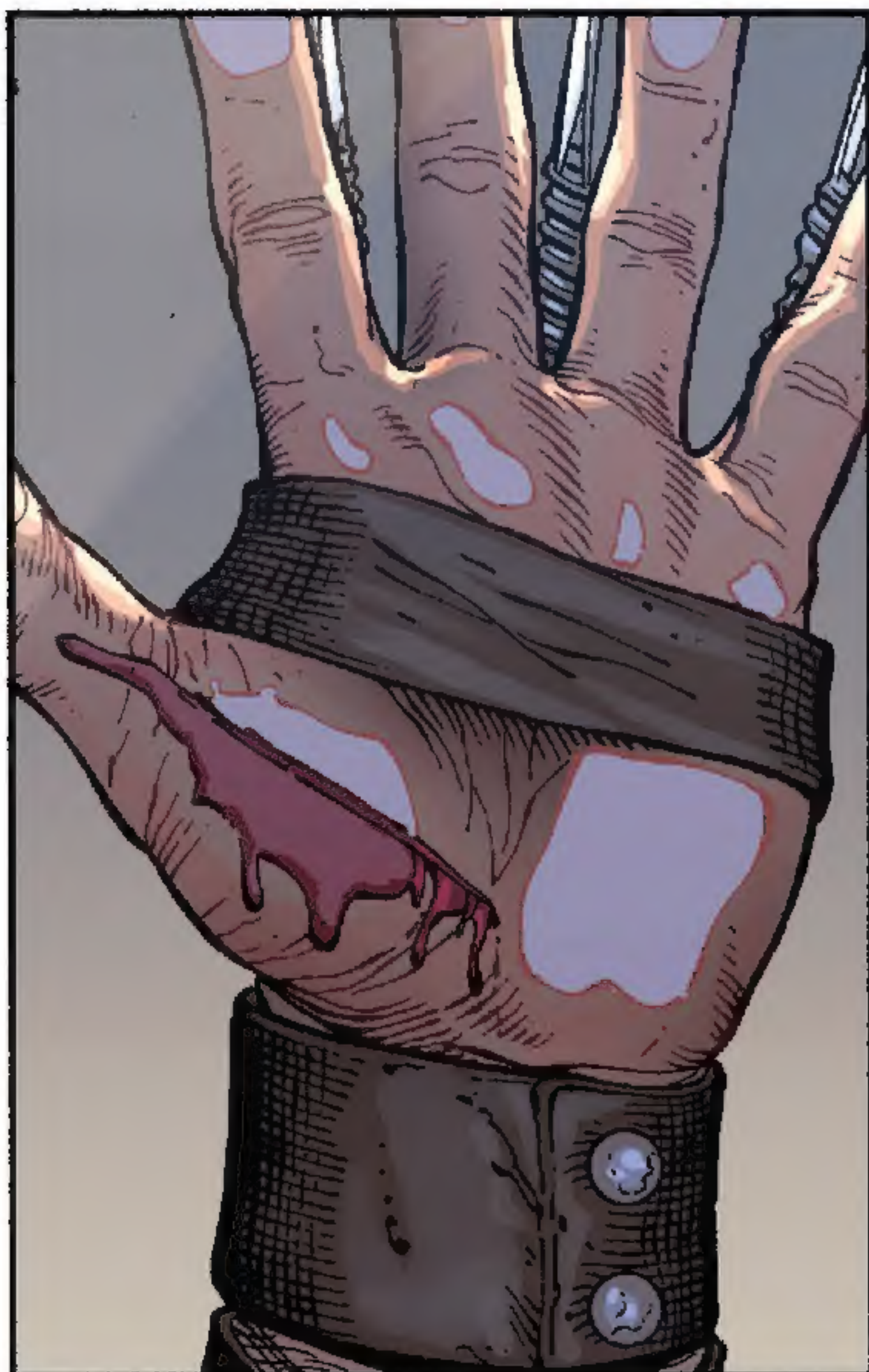
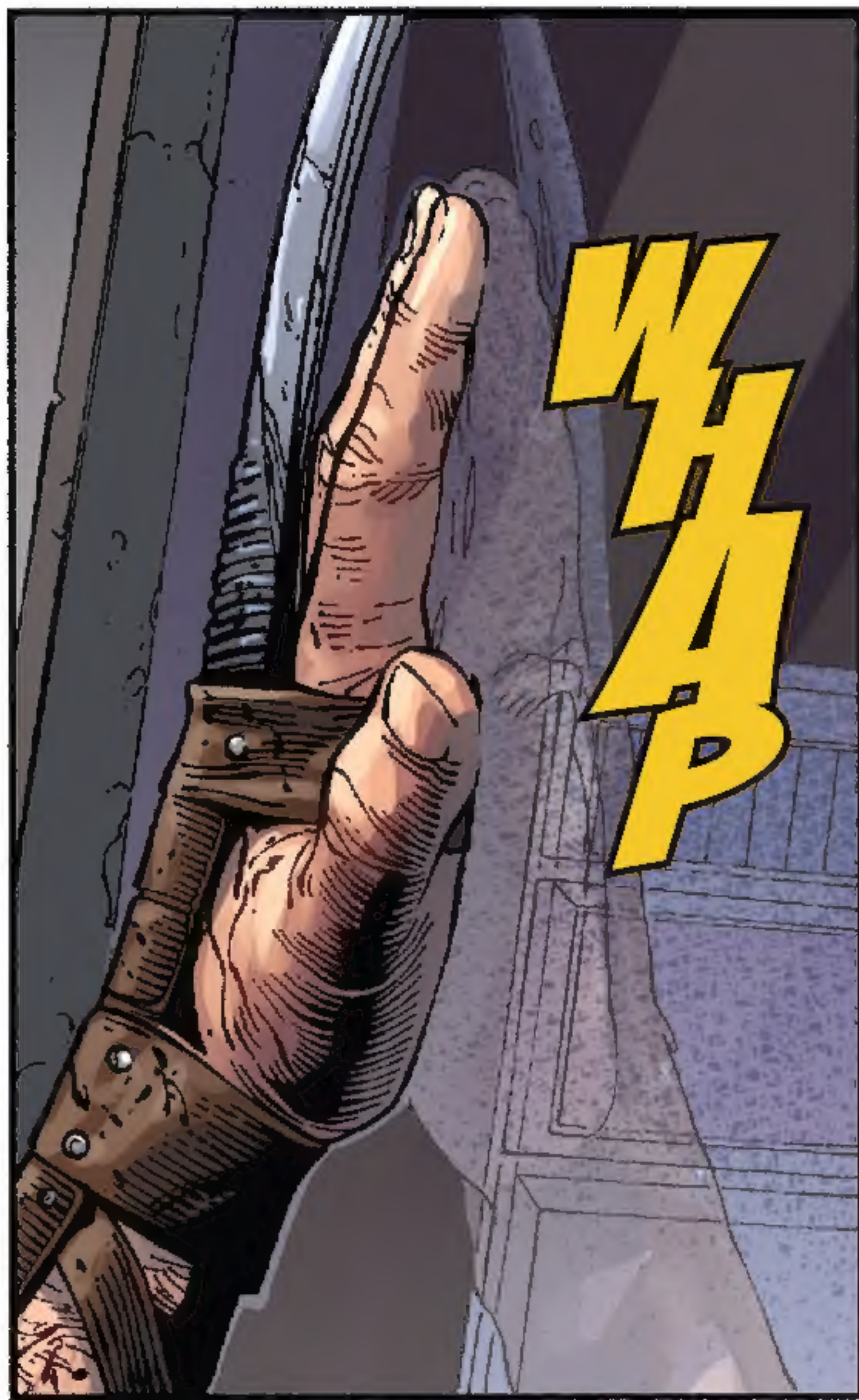
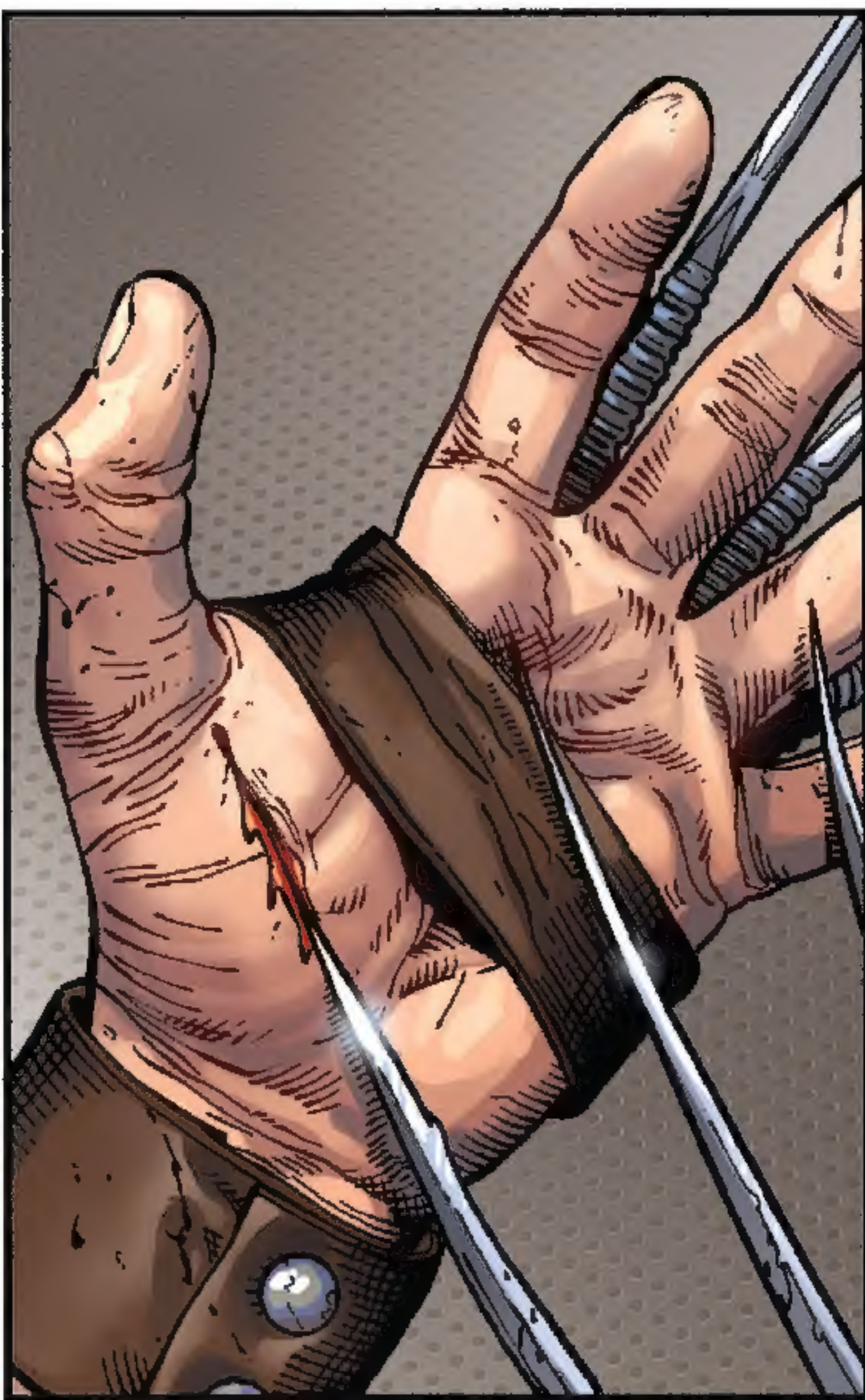
"THEY ALL DIE, AND THEN I JUST HAVE TO EXTRACT THE ALLOY FROM THEIR CORPSES. MESSY. **TIME-CONSUMING**. BUT I LET NOTHING GO TO WASTE HERE."

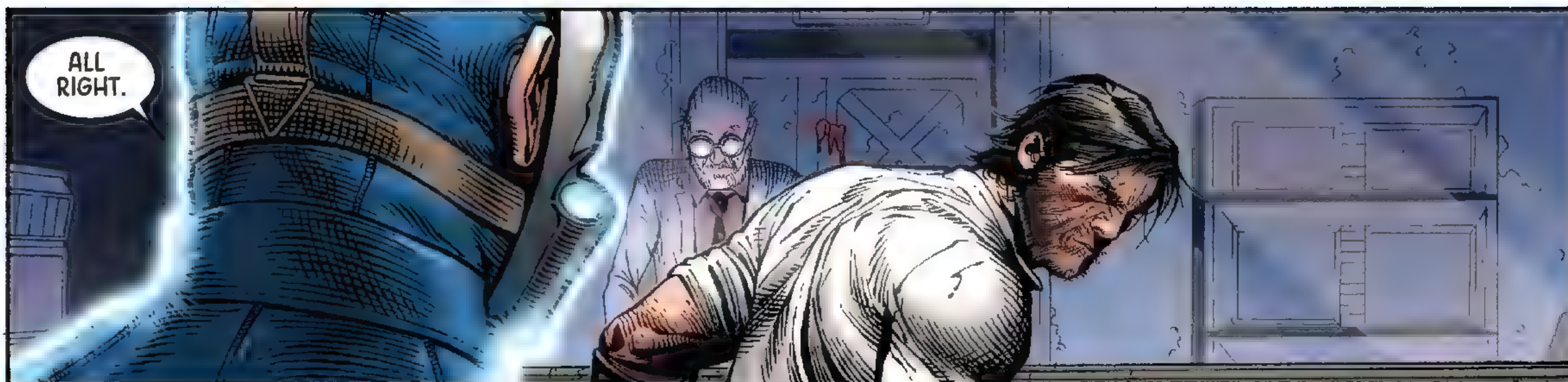


WHICH IS WHY I'M SO GLAD YOU'VE COME TO ME. YOU CAN TURN ALL OF THIS AROUND. YOU'RE THE REASON I'VE SPENT SO MUCH MONEY. EXPENDED SO MUCH **EFFORT**.

DON'T YOU WANT TO BE PART OF SOMETHING **BETTER**, MR. LOGAN? YOU CAN PLAY THE HERO AGAIN. YOU CAN **SAVE LIVES**.

JUST STOP FIGHTING. HELP ME SAVE THEM. ALL I NEED...IS THAT MARVELOUS **HEALING FACTOR** OF YOURS.





ALL RIGHT.



GOT NO QUARREL WITH YOU, PAL.

THAT DOESN'T MATTER. NOTHING REALLY DOES, ANYMORE.

THIS IS MAJOR SHARP, LOGAN.

HE'S A SEARCHER. HE WAS LOOKING FOR SOMETHING, AND SO HE CAME TO ME.

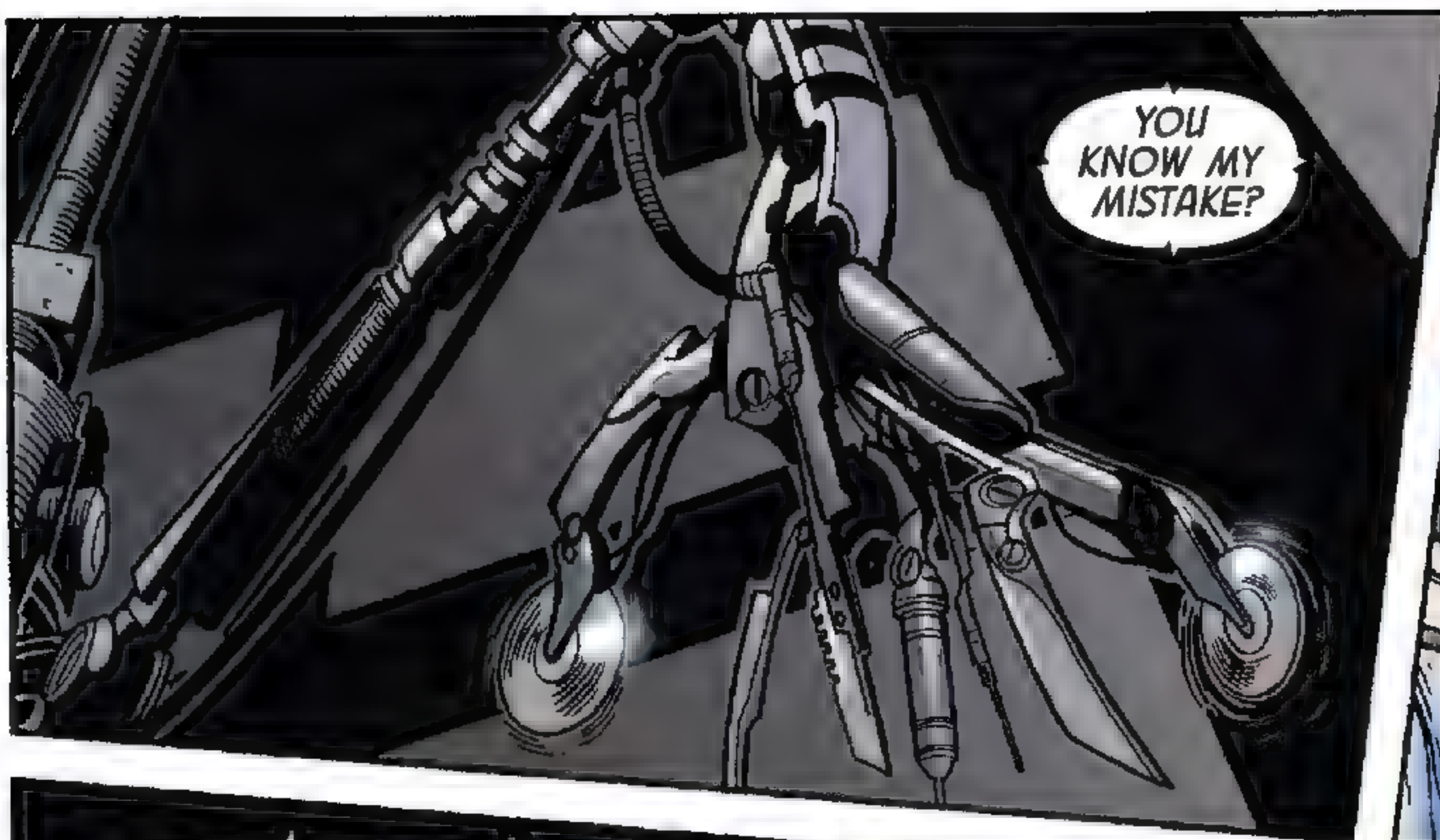
HE'S MY PROOF OF CONCEPT. MY FINANCIAL BACKERS LOVE HIM. EVERY TACTICAL ENHANCEMENT I COULD THINK OF. IN HIS HEAD, HE'S ALWAYS FIGHTING.



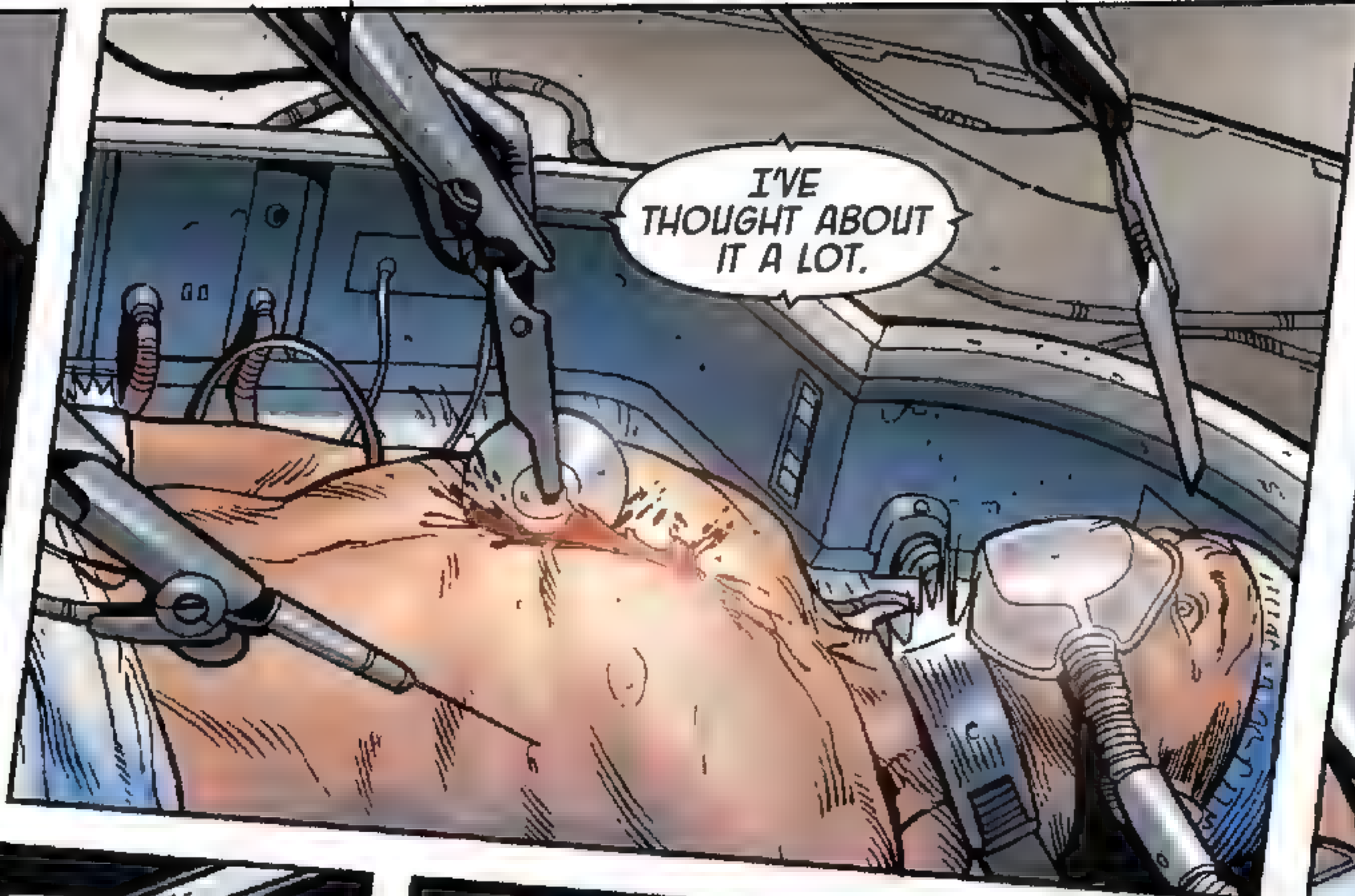
ALWAYS.



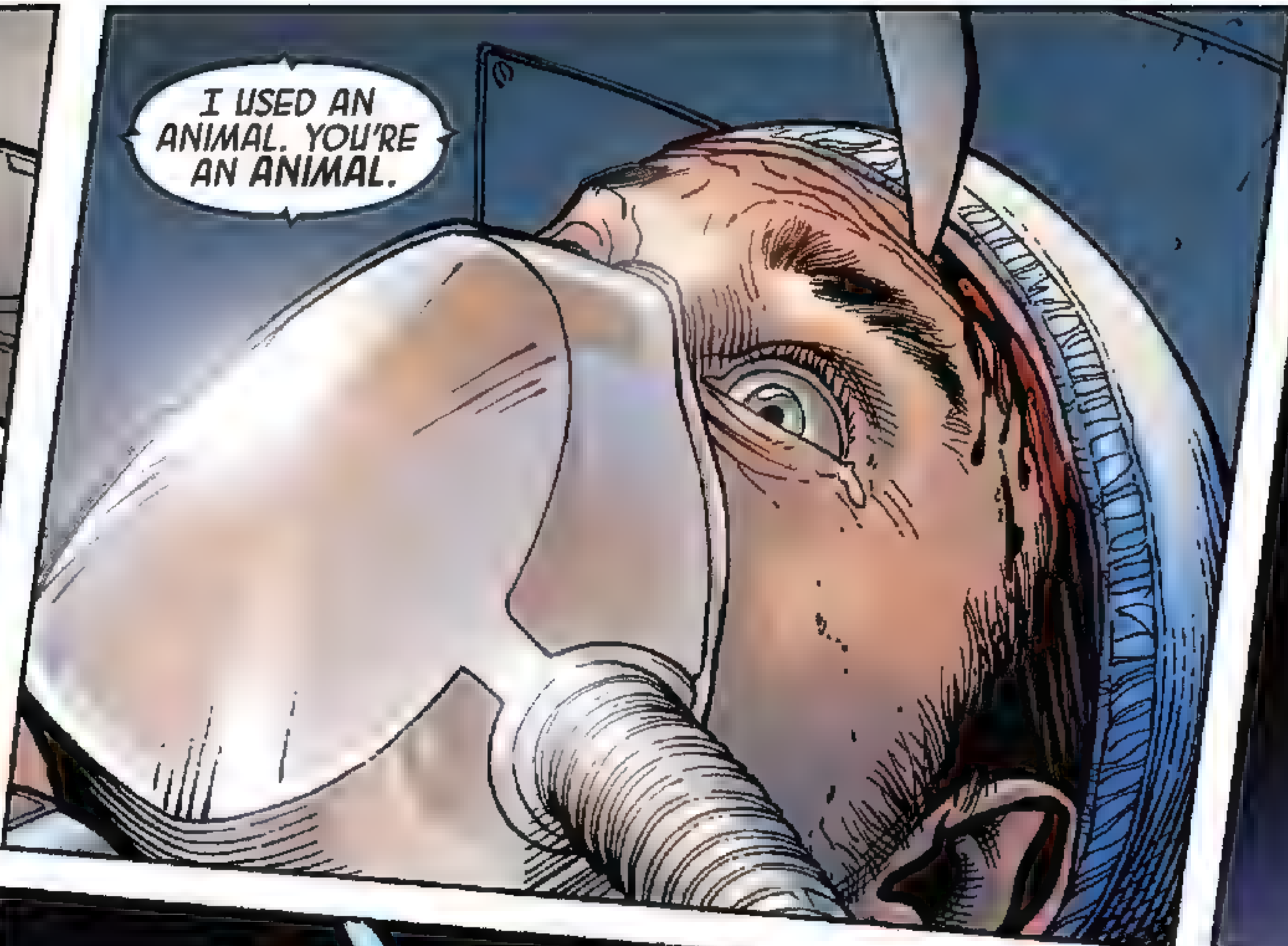
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YOU
KNOW MY
MISTAKE?



I'VE
THOUGHT ABOUT
IT A LOT.

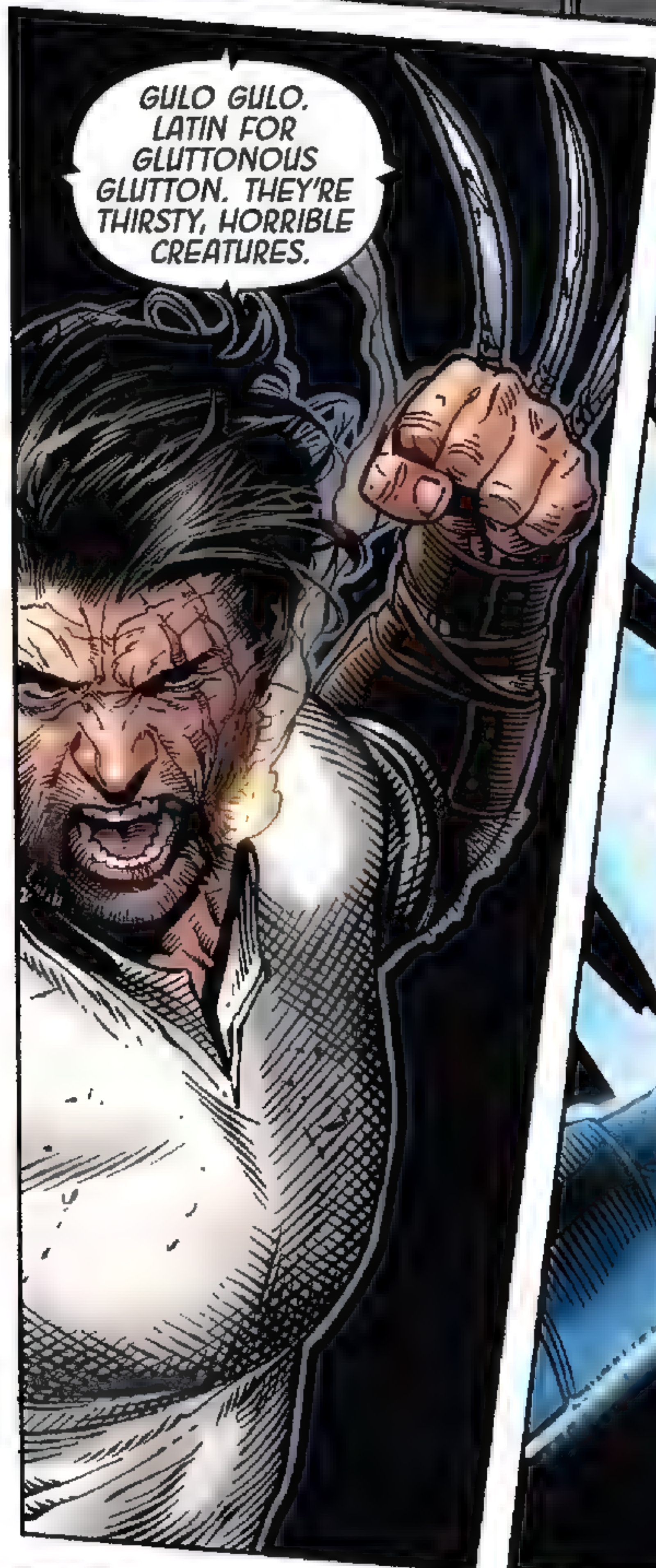


I USED AN
ANIMAL. YOU'RE
AN ANIMAL.



THEY CALL YOU
WOLVERINE. I KNOW
THEY DO. I KEPT
TABS.

DO YOU KNOW
THE TAXONOMIC
NAME FOR
WOLVERINE?



GULO GULO.
LATIN FOR
GLUTTONOUS
GLUTTON. THEY'RE
THIRSTY, HORRIBLE
CREATURES.



THIRSTY FOR KILLING.
THEY'RE ONE OF THE ONLY
CREATURES THAT KILLS FOR
PLEASURE. OTHER THAN
MAN, OF COURSE.

IT'S A
GOOD NAME
FOR YOU.

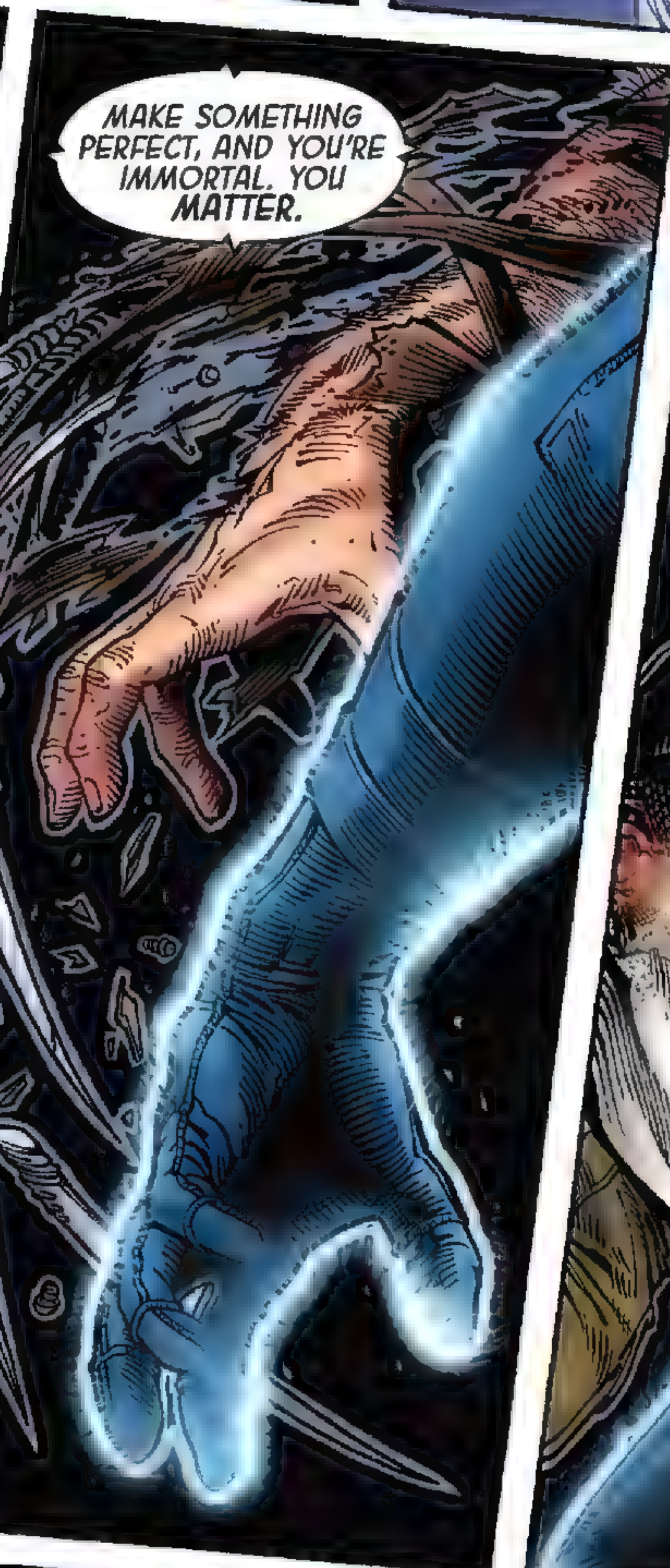


BUT LOOK AT
SHARP. LOOK AT
HIM. CONDITIONED.
PERFECT.



BETTER.

THE AK-47 IS
ARGUABLY THE
MOST SUCCESSFUL
INVENTION IN THE
HISTORY OF MANKIND.
NAME ANOTHER
SOPHISTICATED MACHINE
IN CONSTANT USE FOR
MORE THAN SEVENTY
YEARS...UNCHANGED.
YOU CAN'T. IT'S
PERFECT.

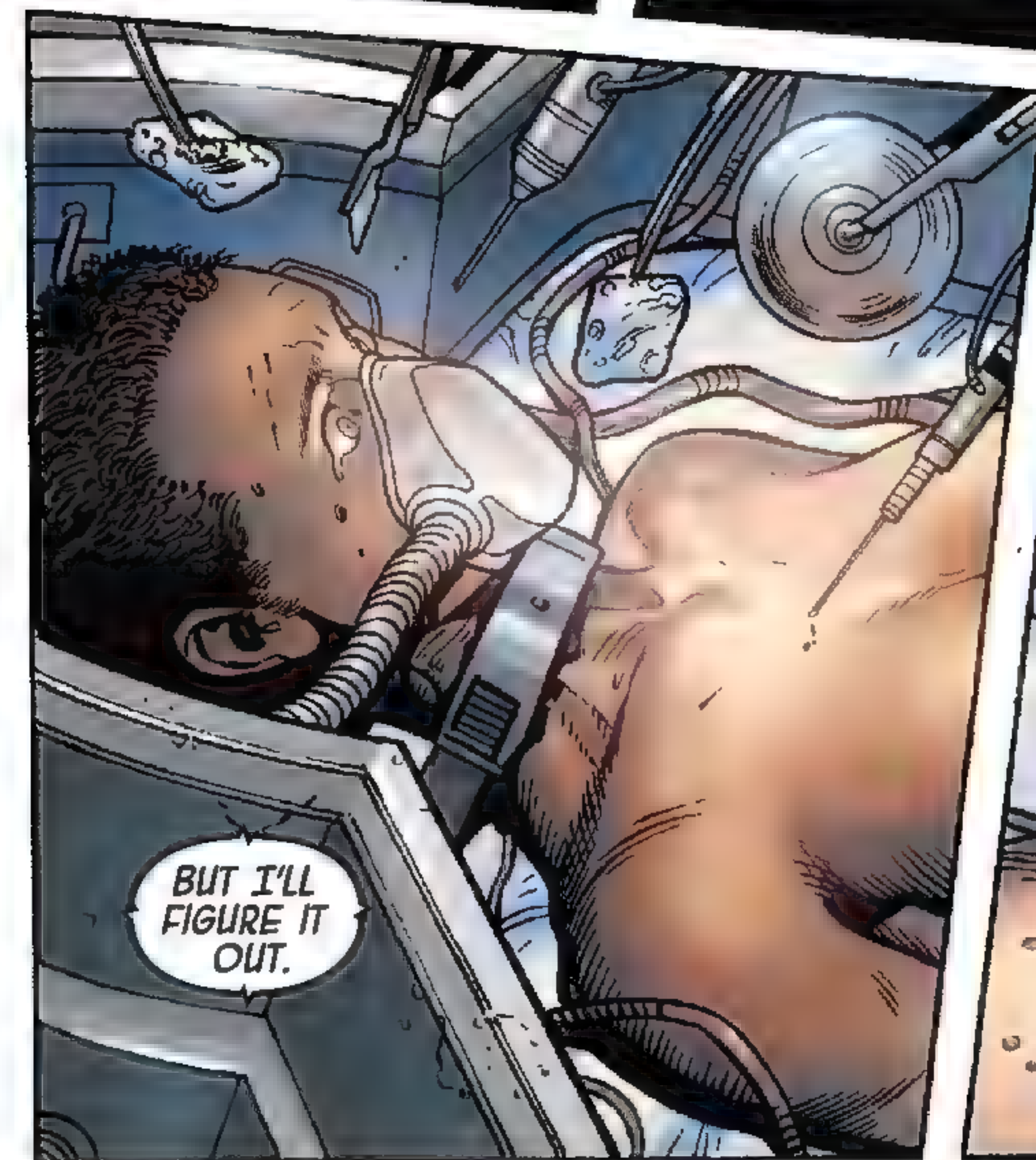


MAKE SOMETHING
PERFECT, AND YOU'RE
IMMORTAL. YOU
MATTER.

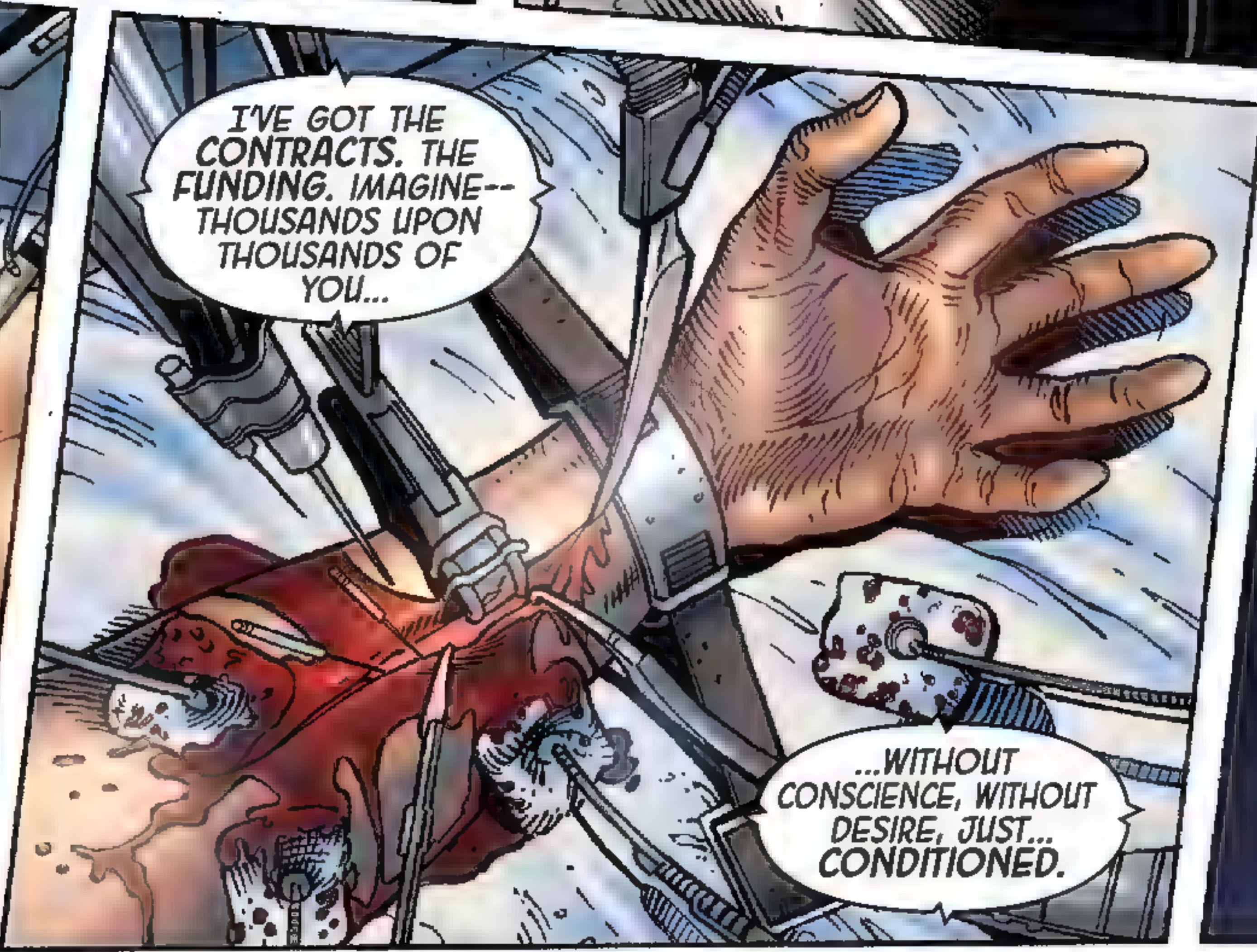


I DID IT
WRONG, THE
FIRST TIME
AROUND. MY
MISTAKE.

YOU. YOU'RE
A WOLVERINE. A
GLUTTON FOR DEATH.
A PLAGUE UPON
THE EARTH.

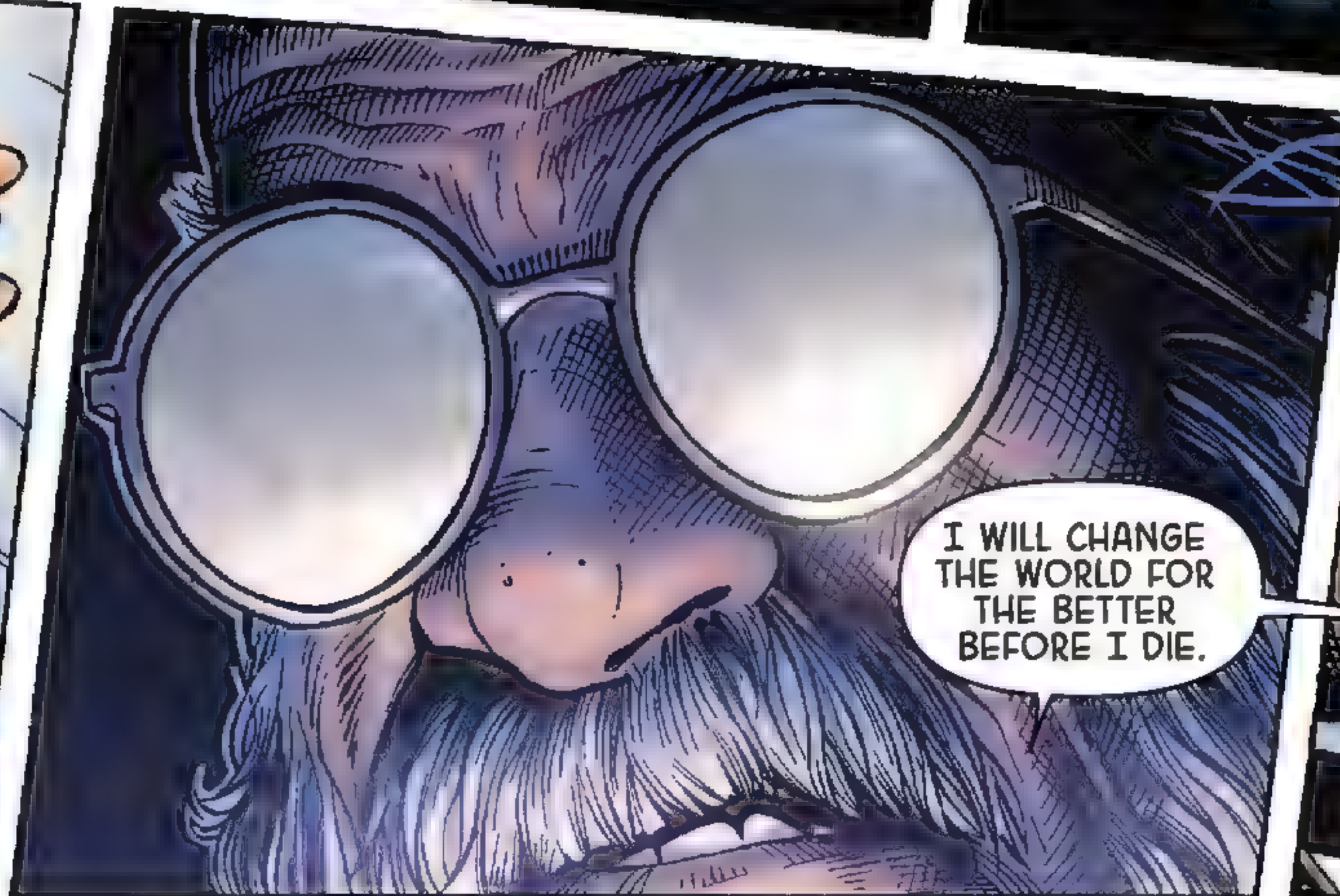


BUT I'LL
FIGURE IT
OUT.

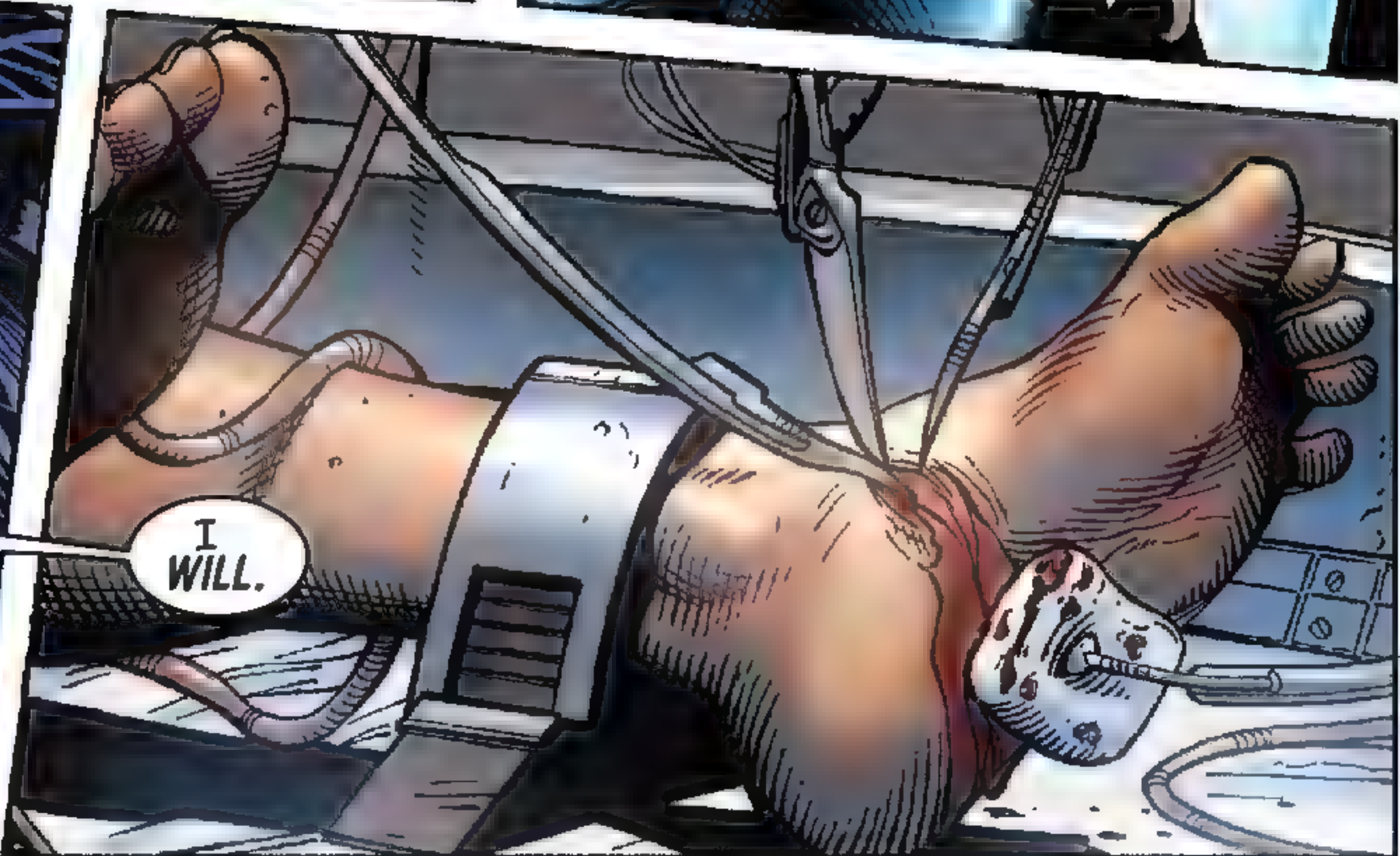


I'VE GOT THE
CONTRACTS. THE
FUNDING. IMAGINE--
THOUSANDS UPON
THOUSANDS OF
YOU...

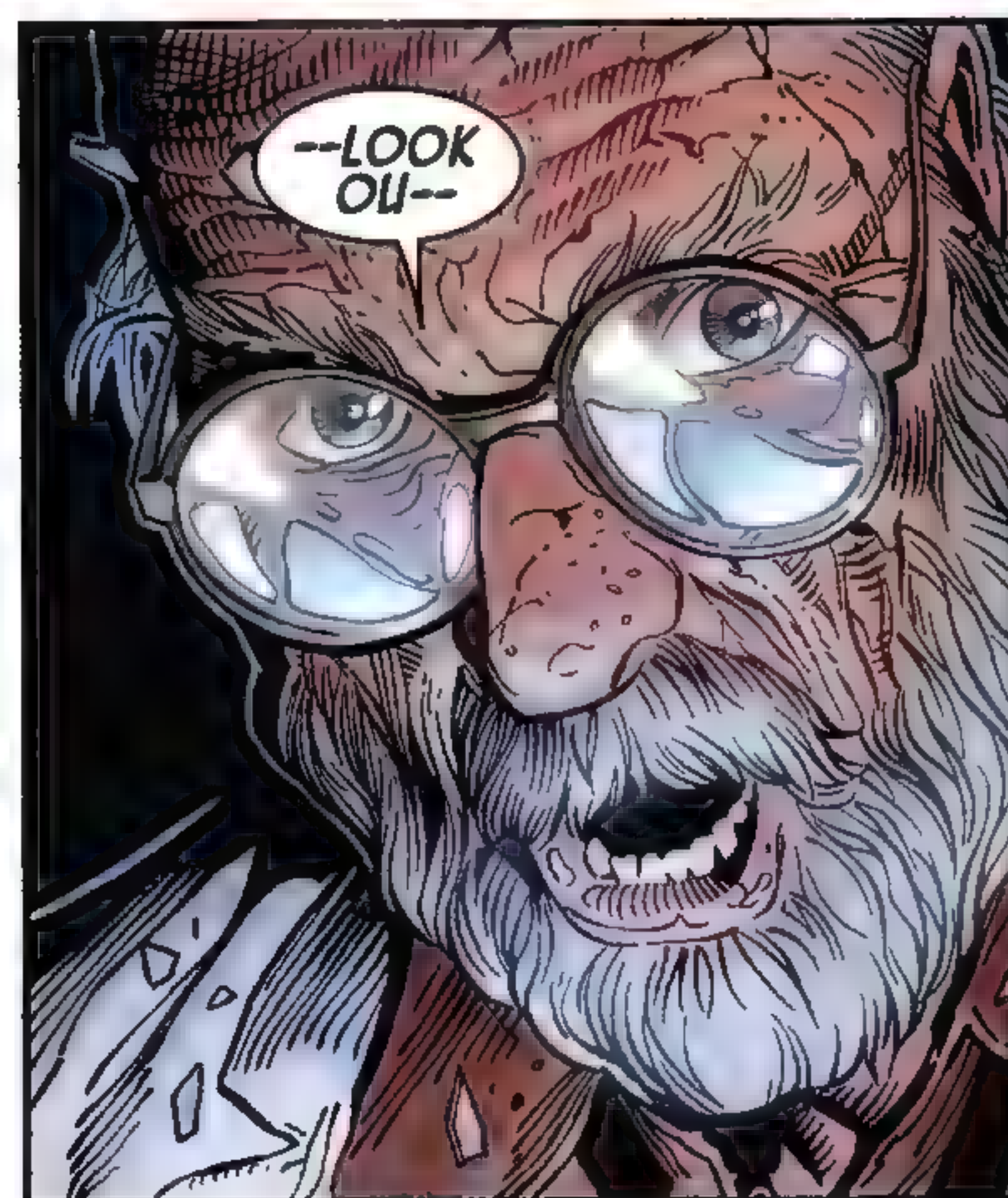
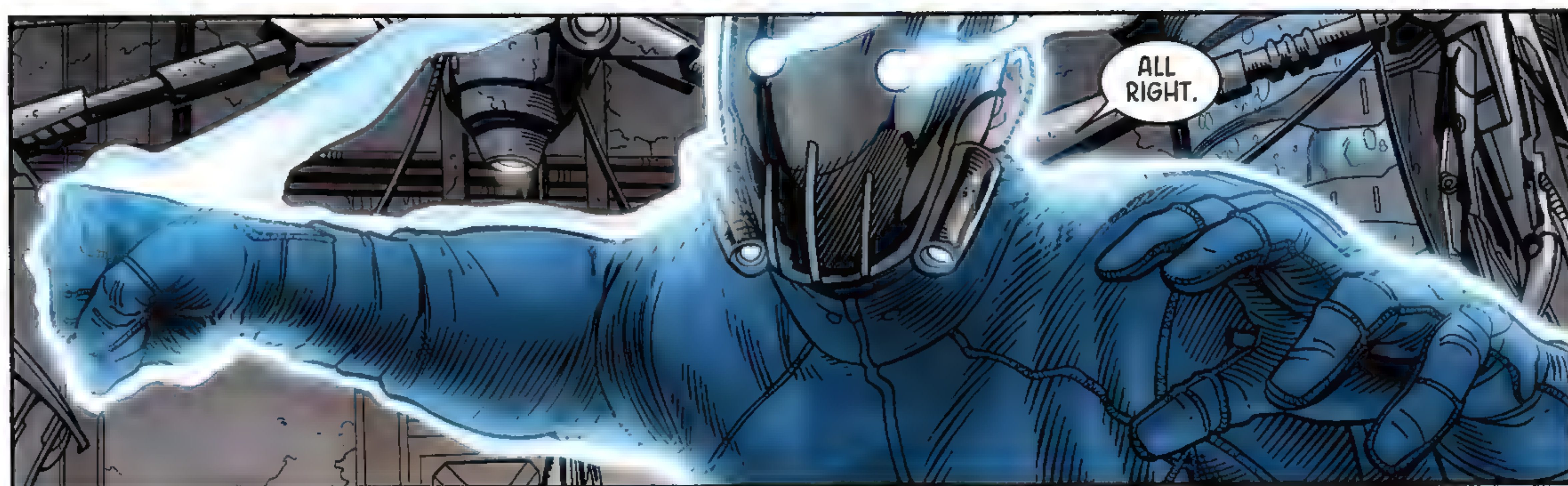
...WITHOUT
CONSCIENCE, WITHOUT
DESIRE, JUST...
CONDITIONED.

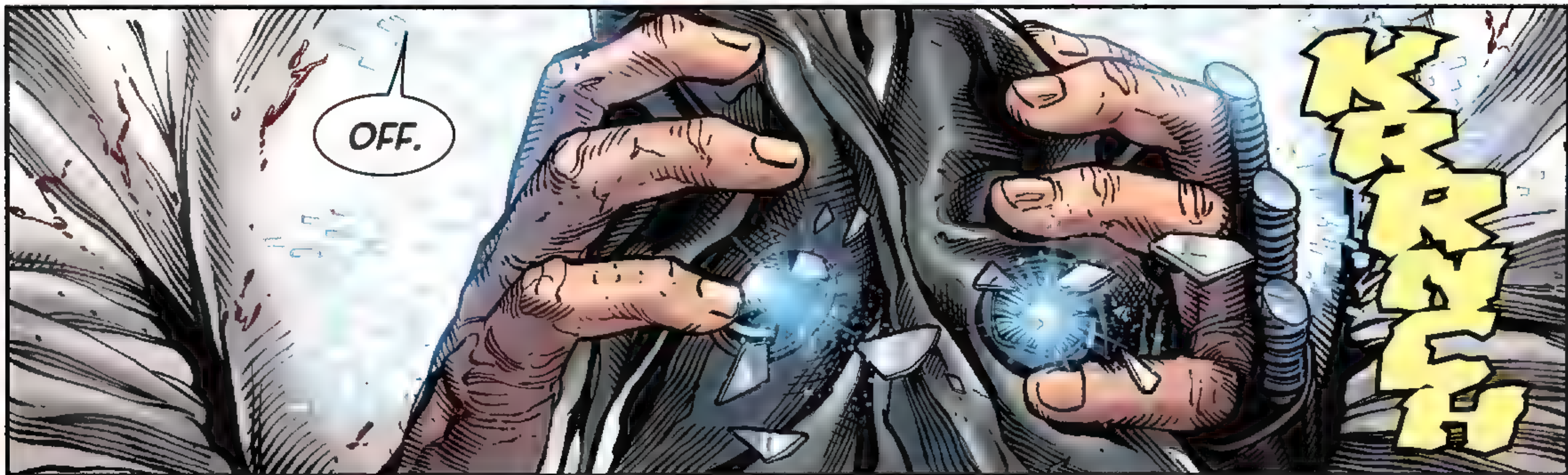


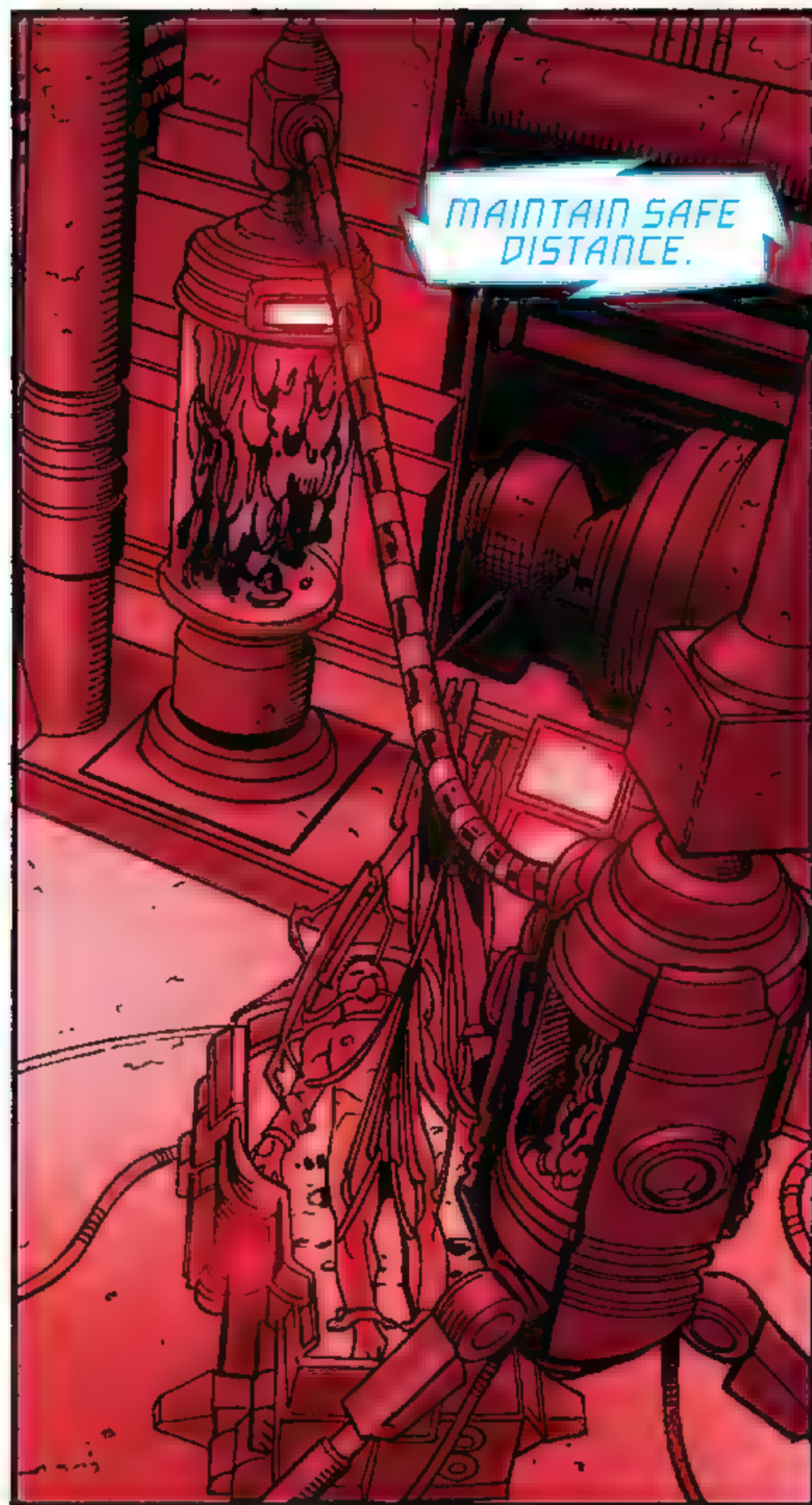
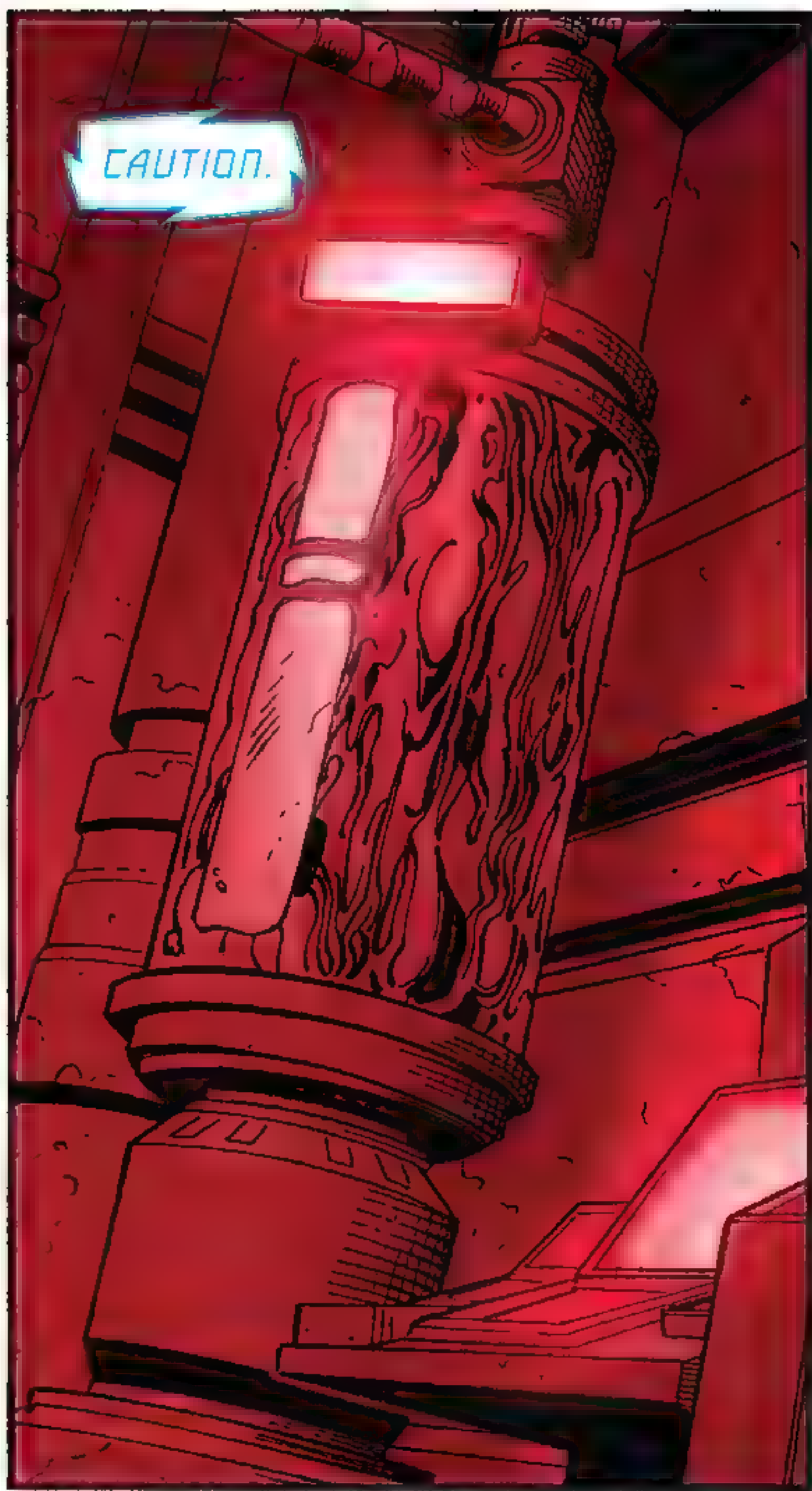
I WILL CHANGE
THE WORLD FOR
THE BETTER
BEFORE I DIE.

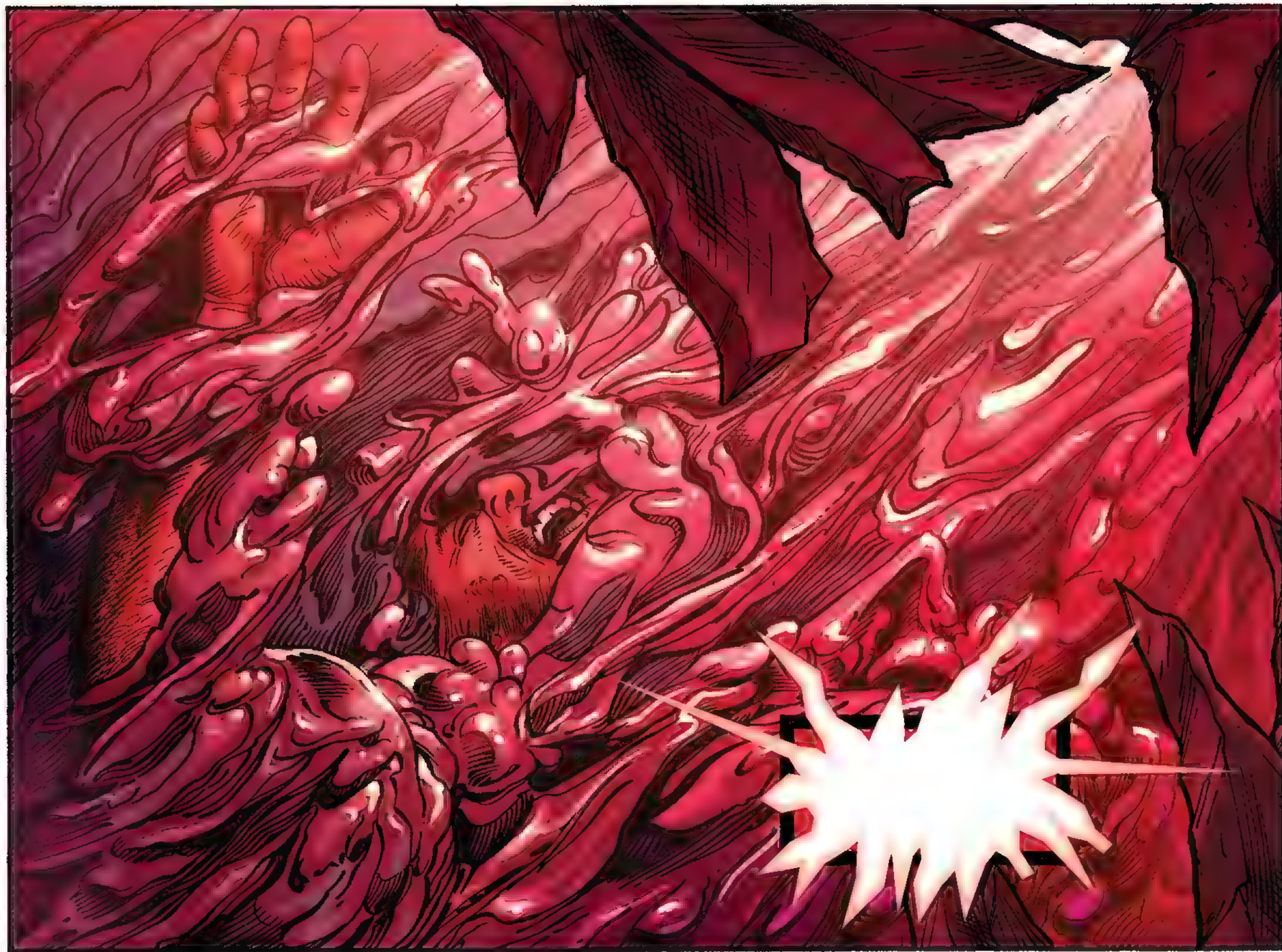
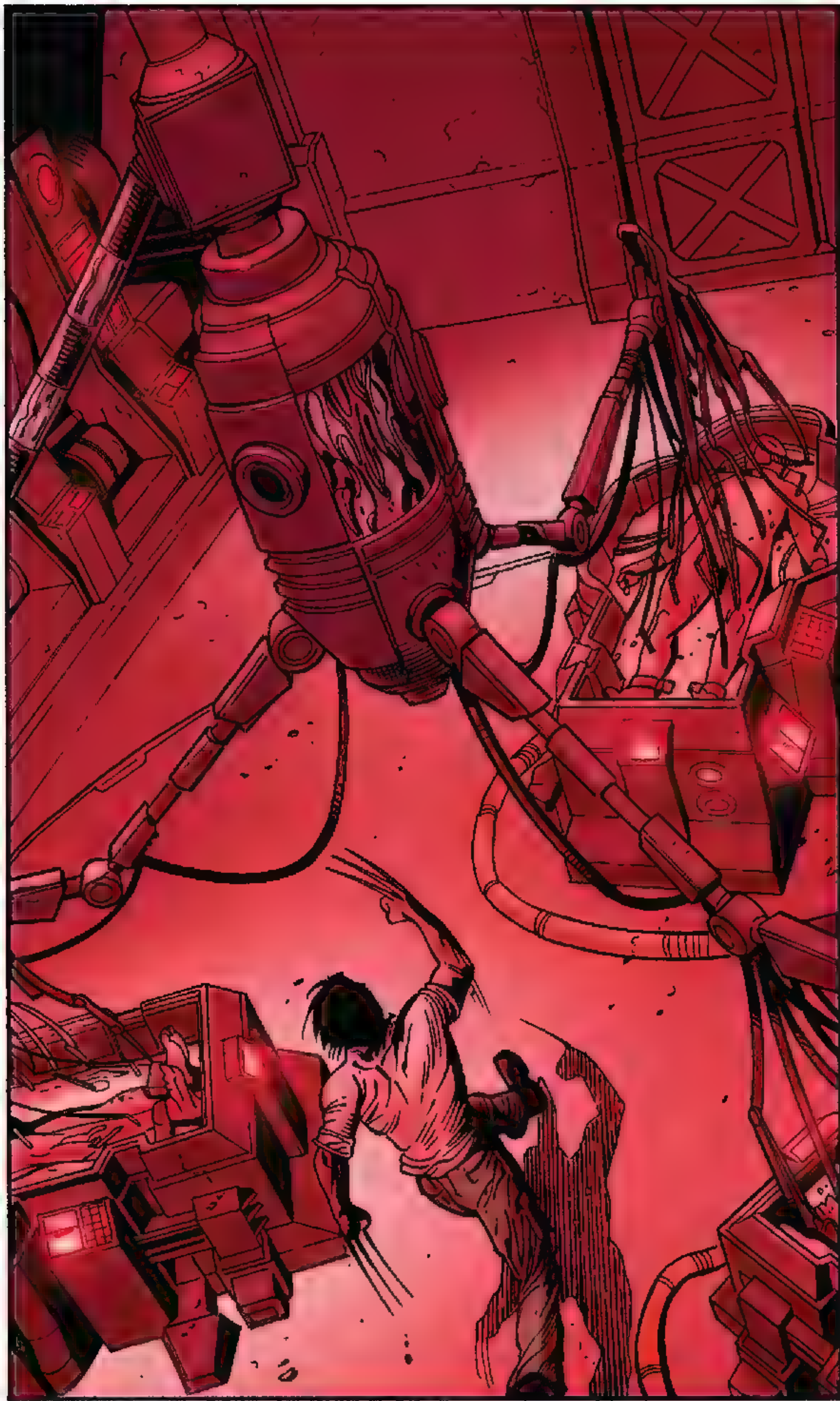


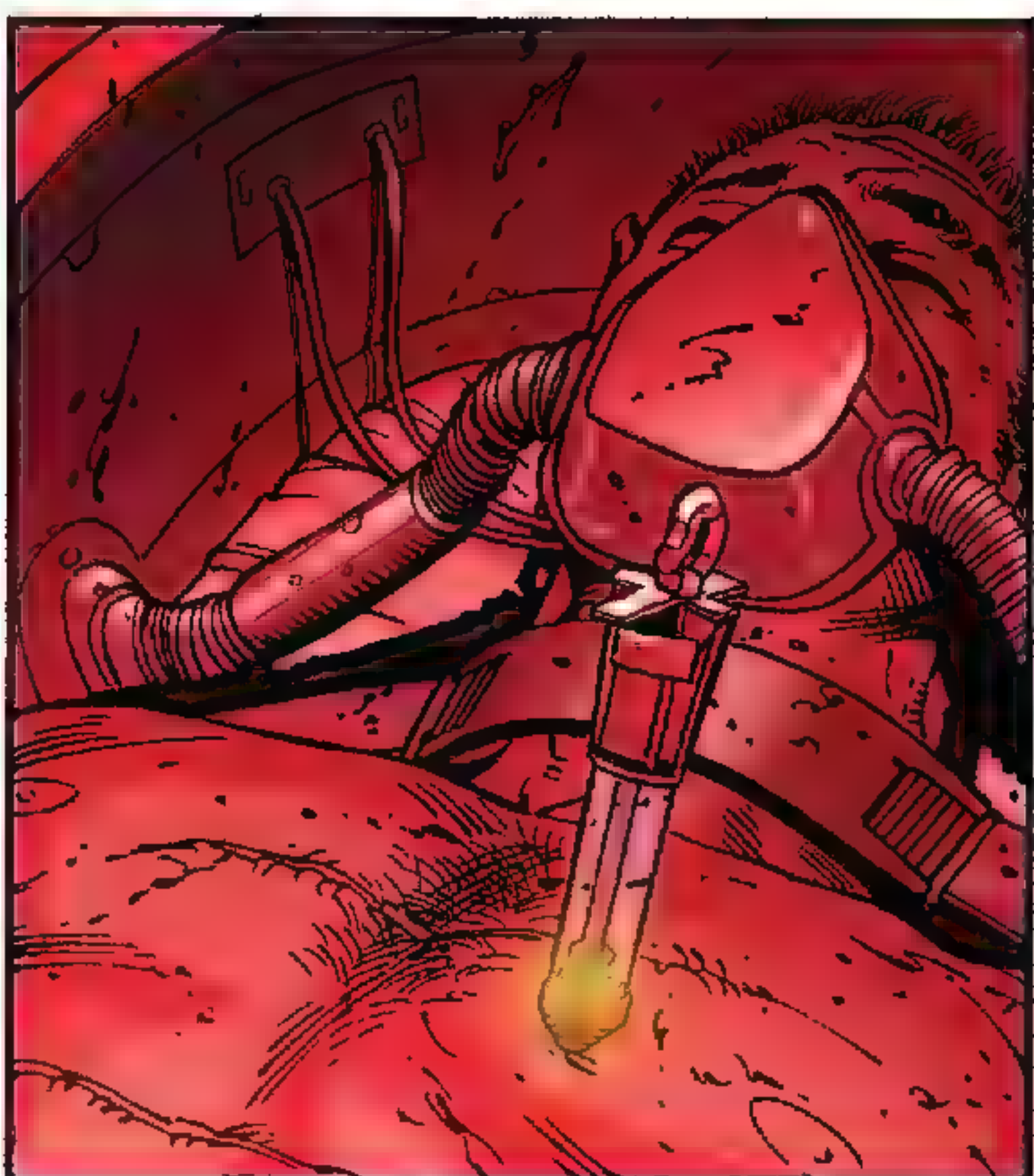
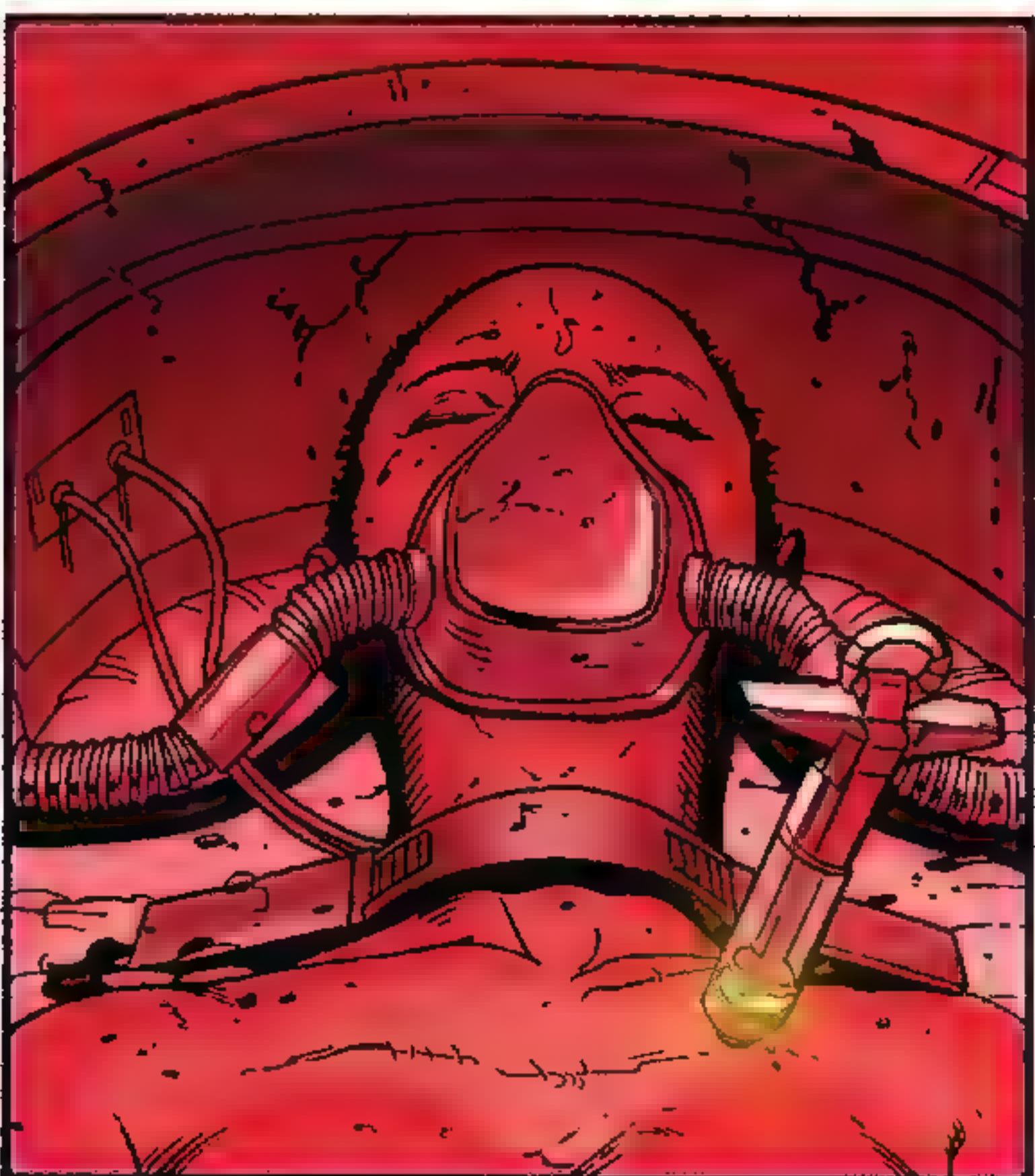
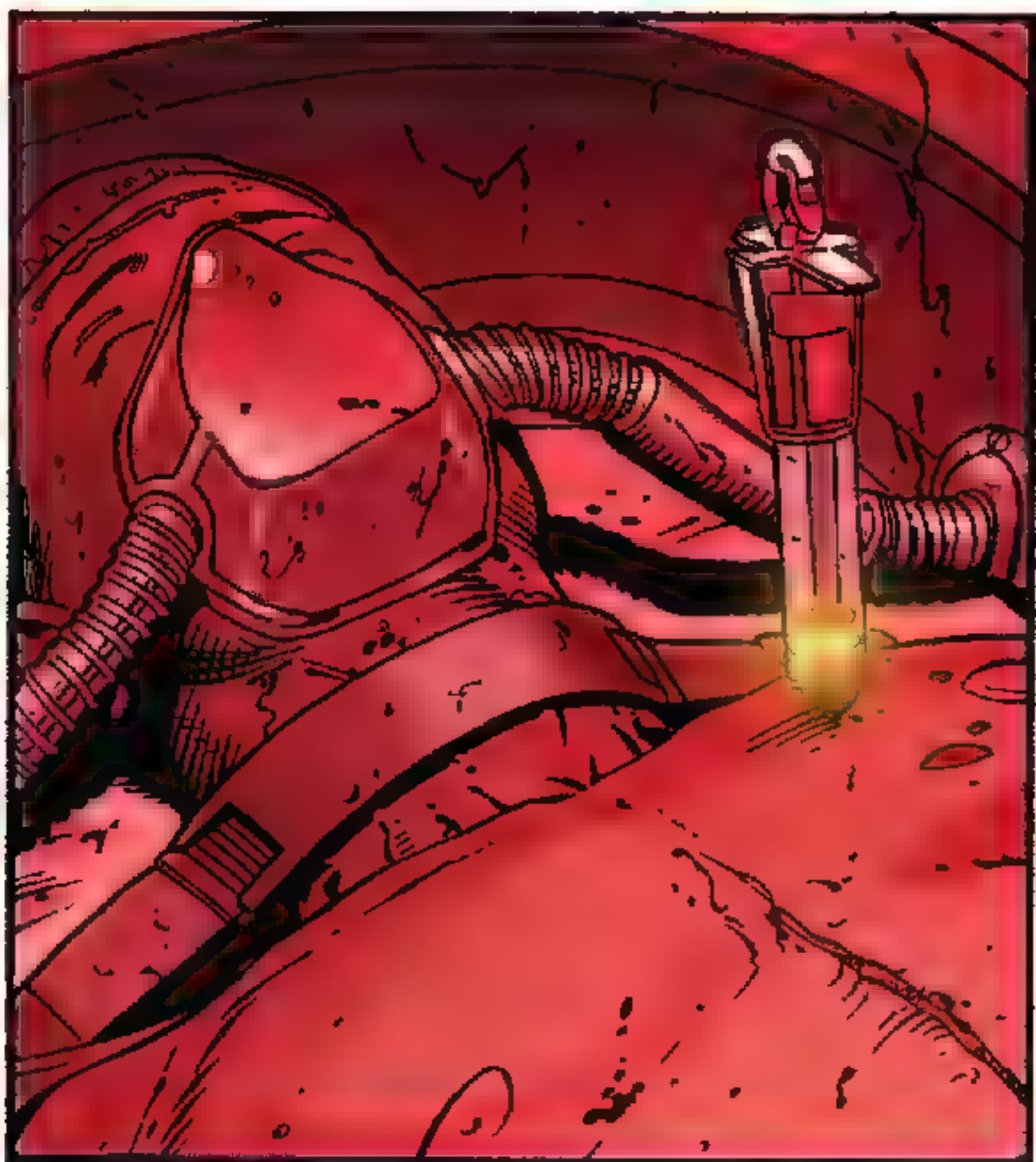
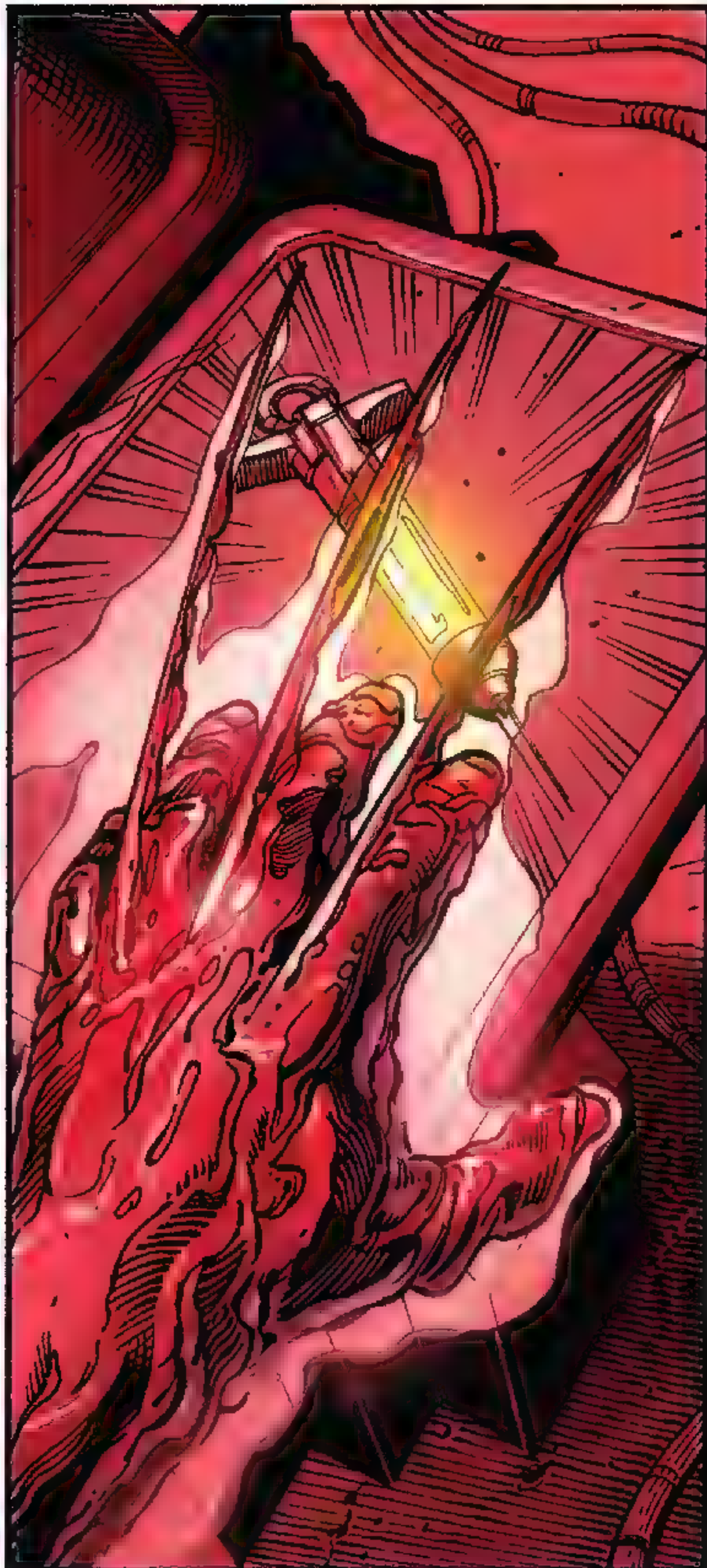
I
WILL.

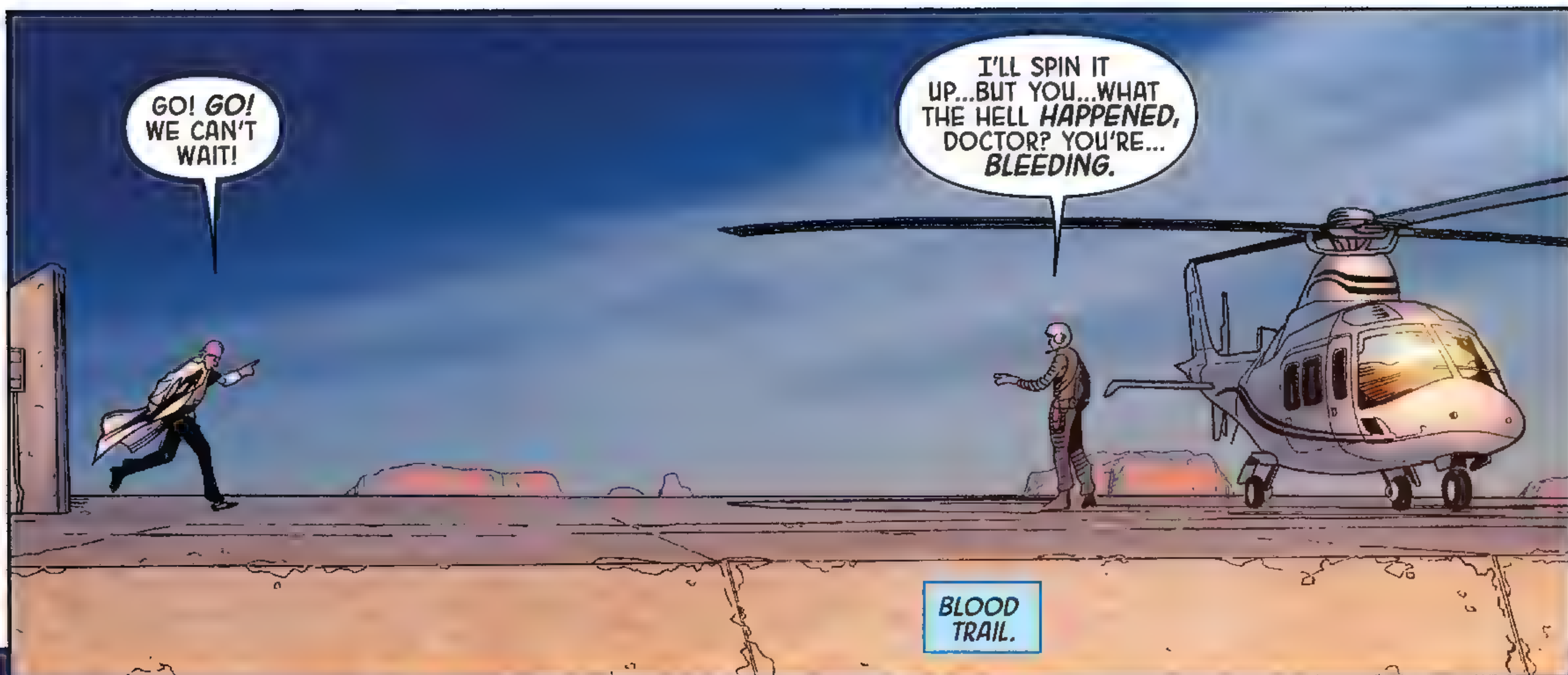












GO! GO!
WE CAN'T
WAIT!

I'LL SPIN IT
UP...BUT YOU...WHAT
THE HELL **HAPPENED**,
DOCTOR? YOU'RE...
BLEEDING.

BLOOD
TRAIL.



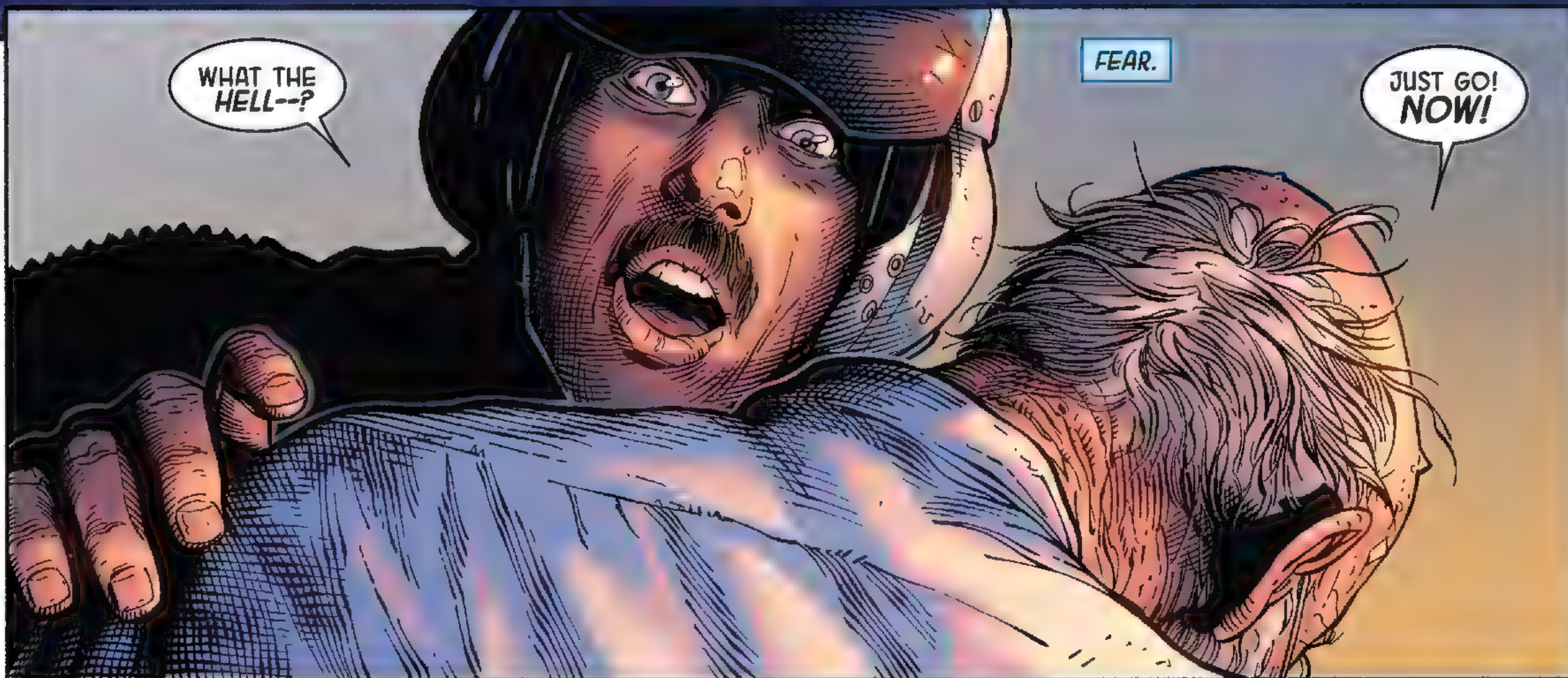
SO...
SO I AM.

PIERCED
INTESTINE.



NNGH--

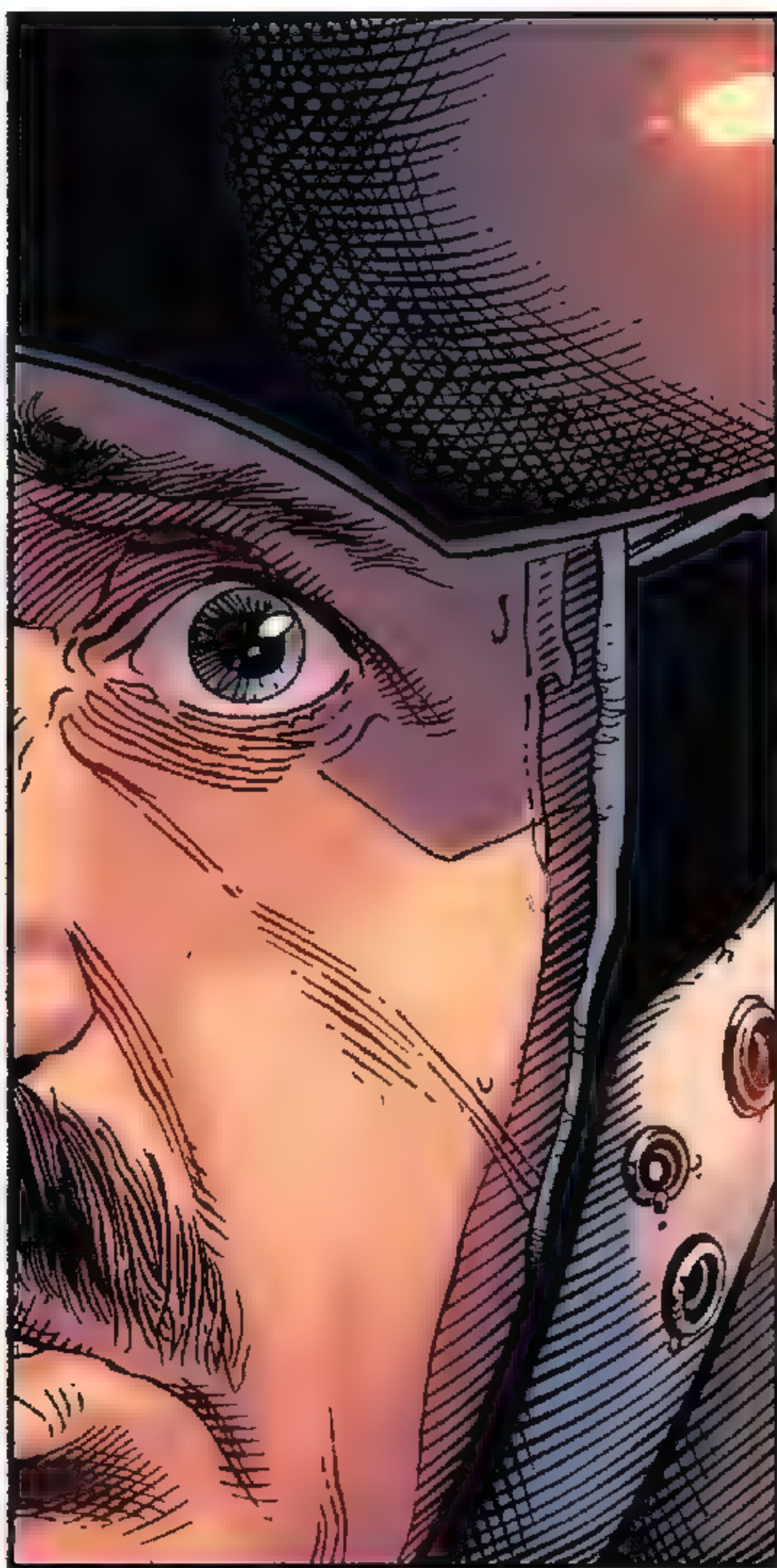
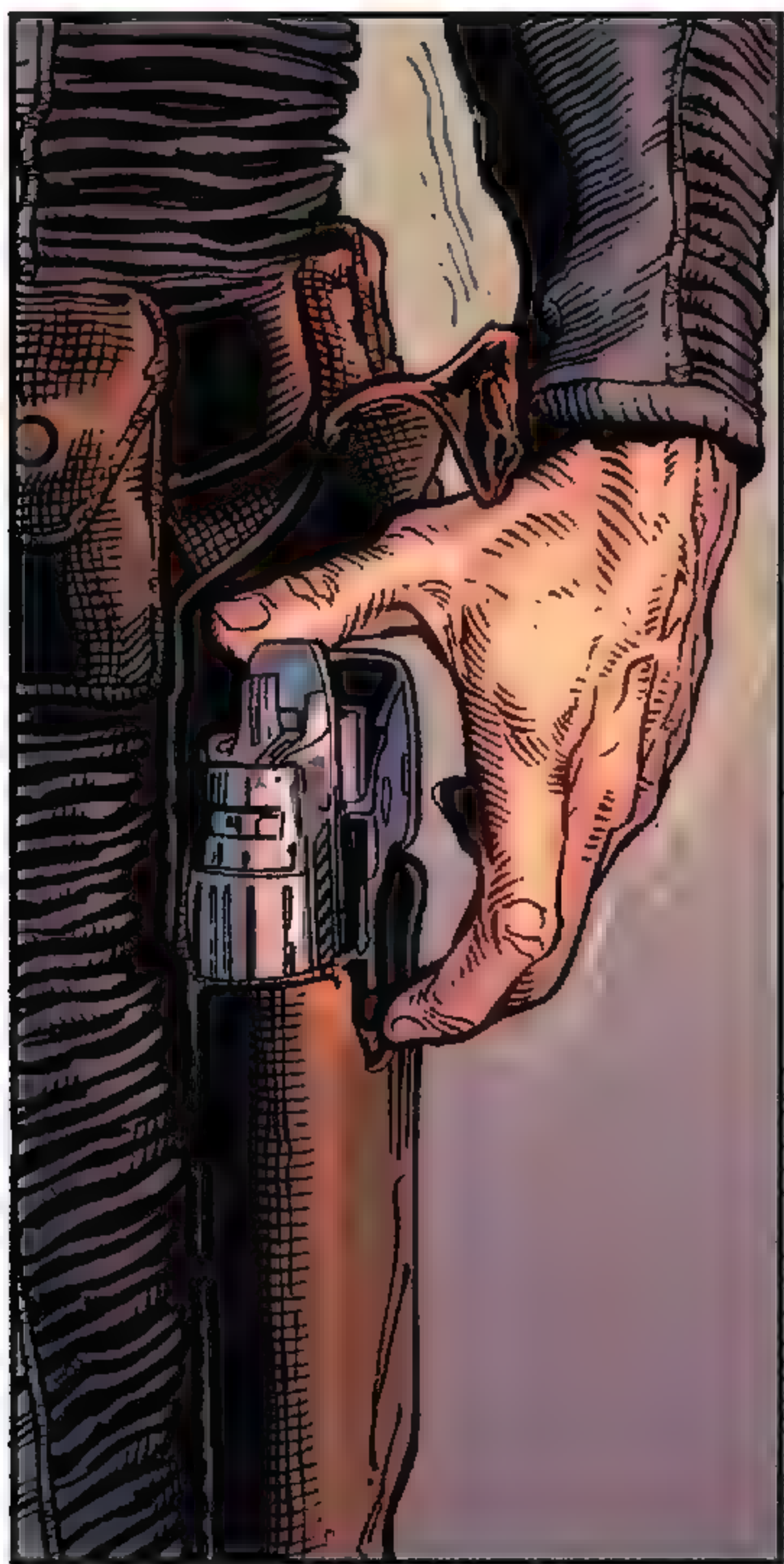
EASY,
DOC!



WHAT THE
HELL--?

FEAR.

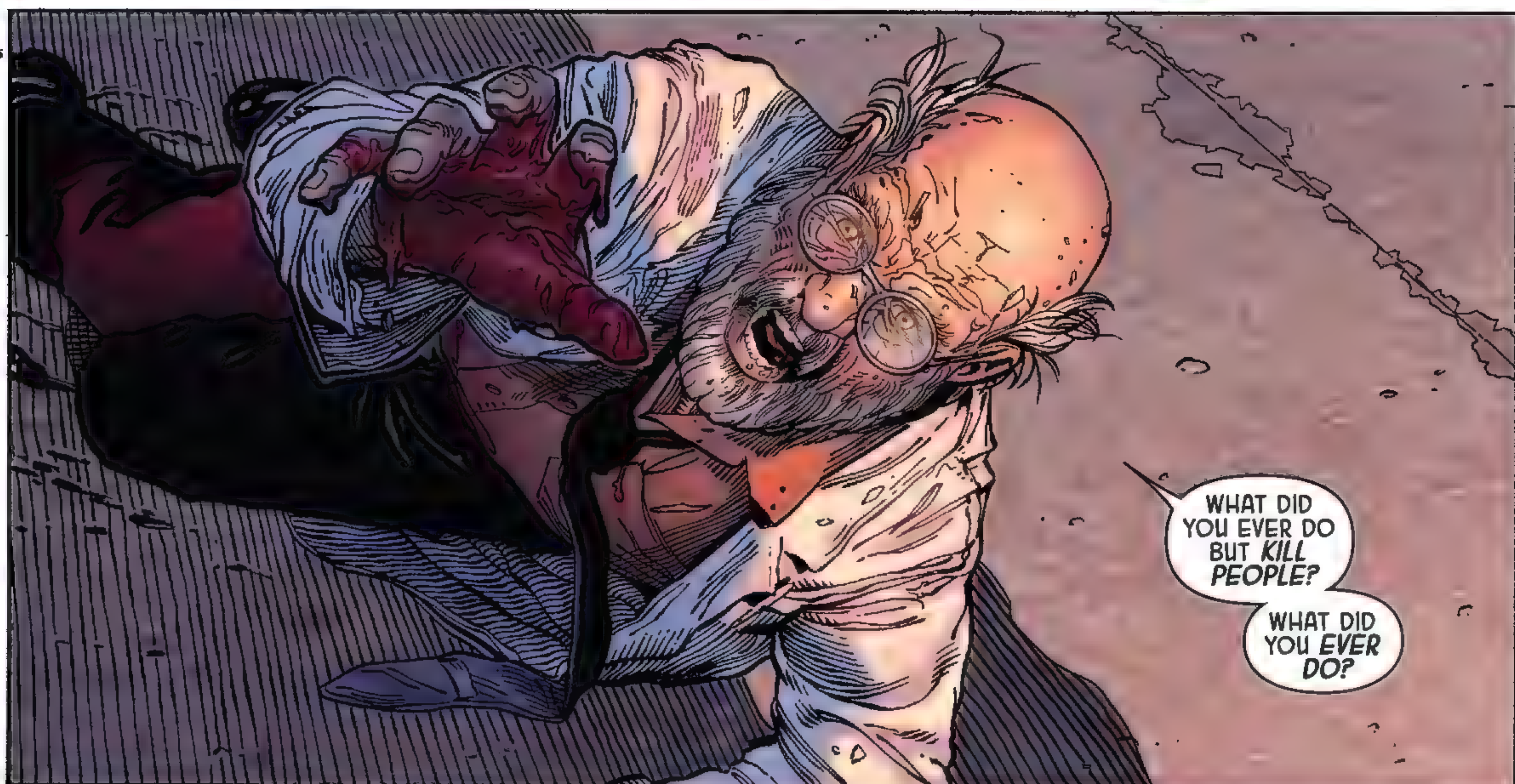
JUST GO!
NOW!





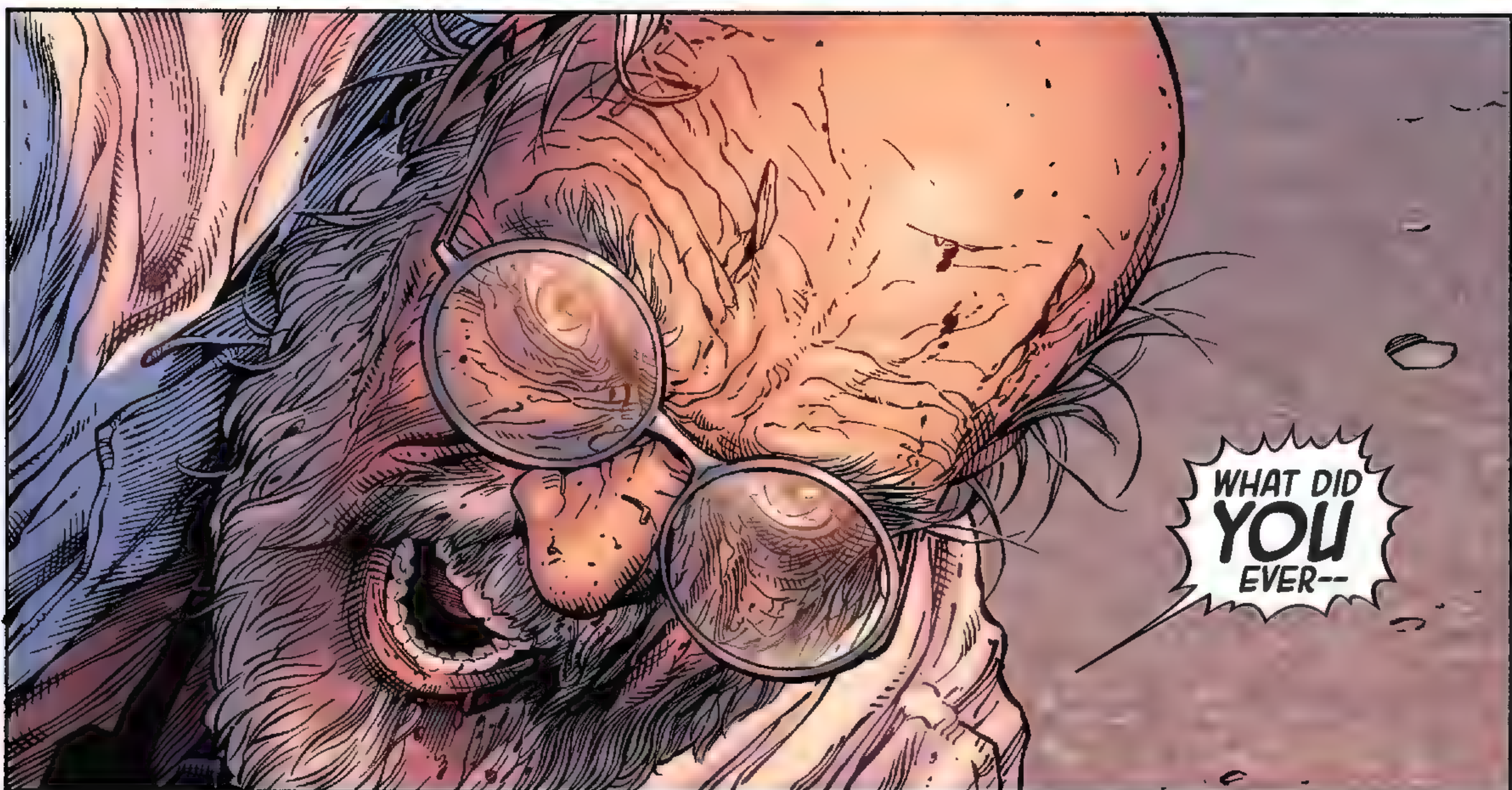
AT
LEAST I
TRIED!

I TRIED TO
MAKE SOMETHING!
I TRIED TO CHANGE
THE WORLD!

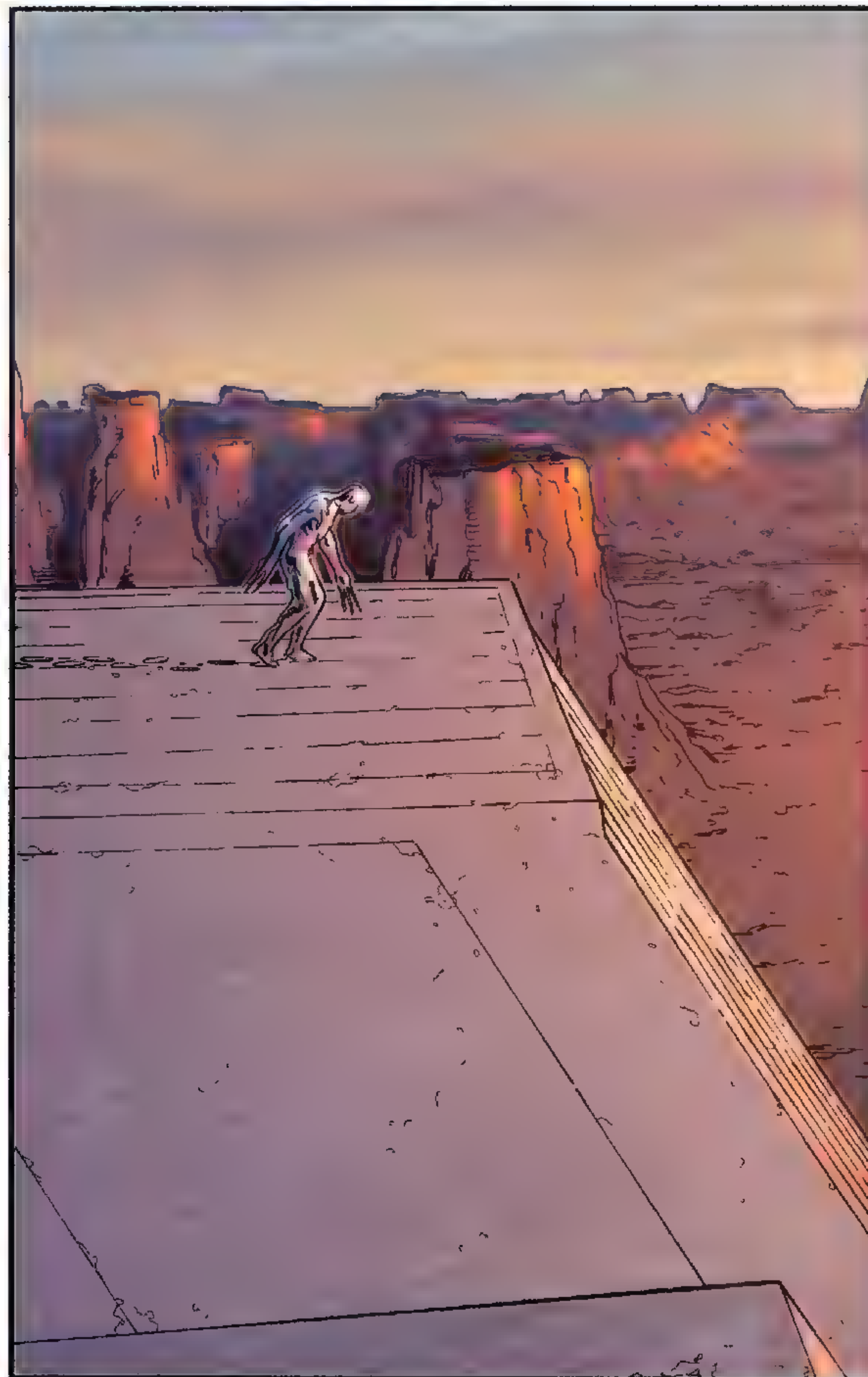
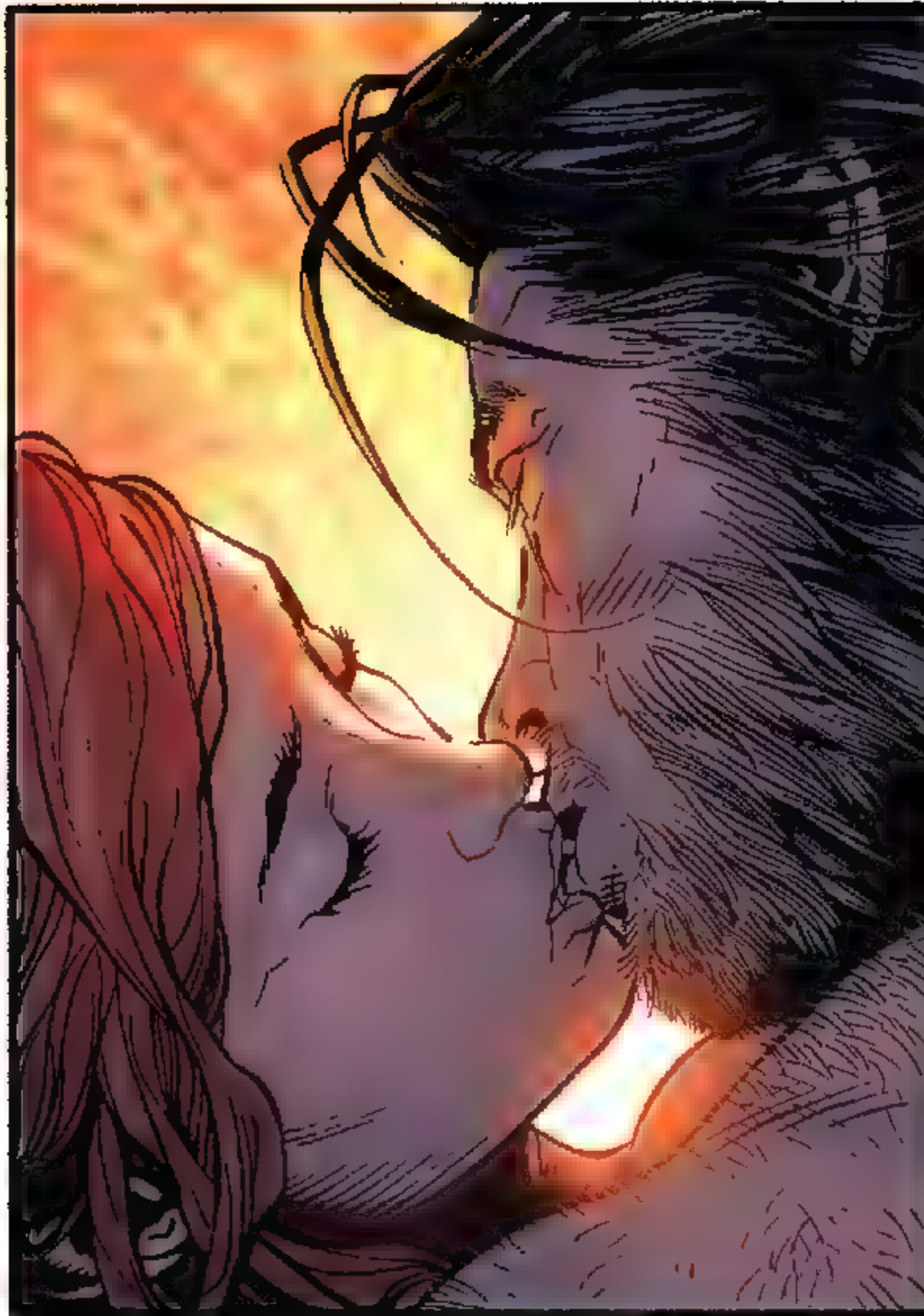
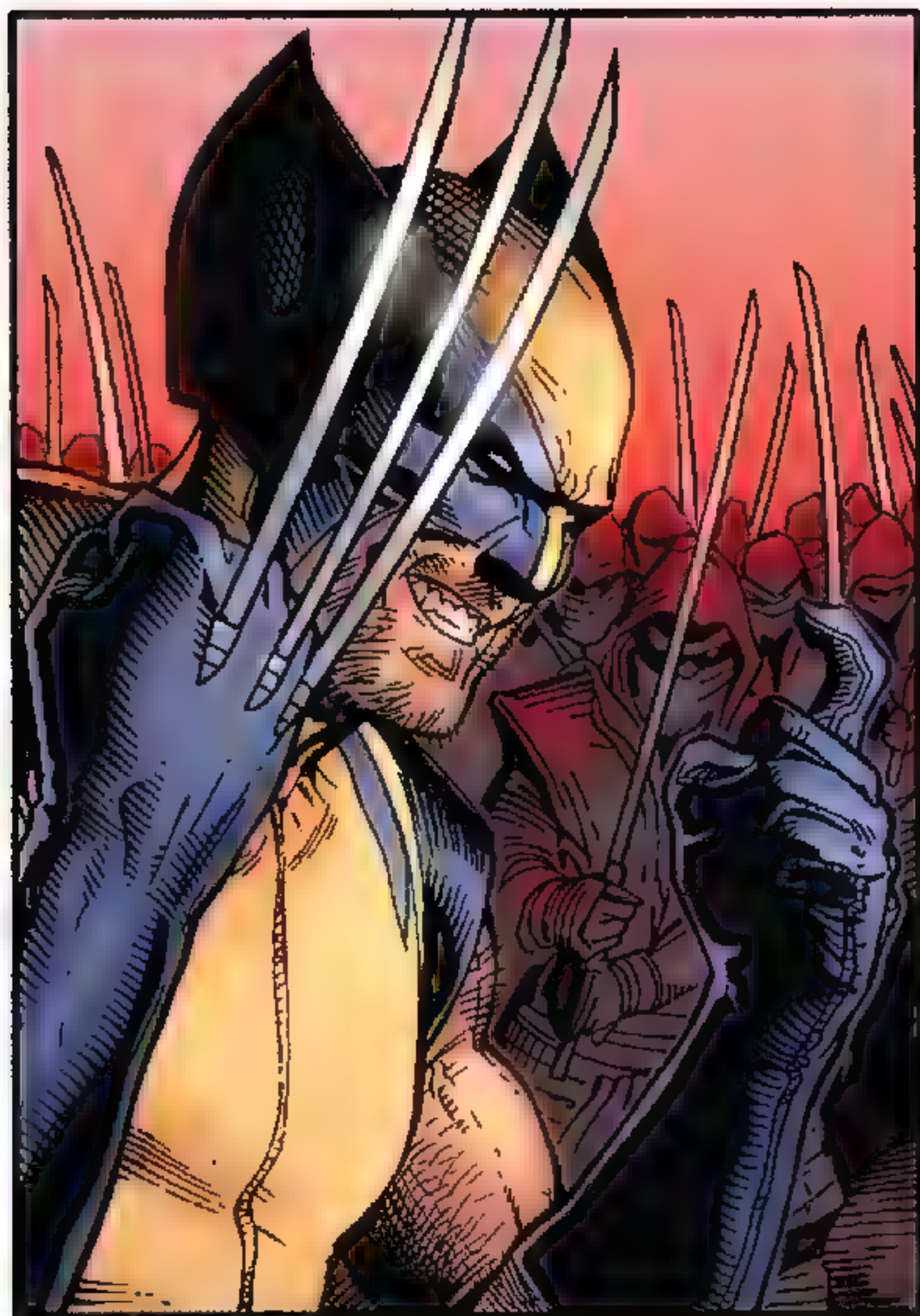


WHAT DID
YOU EVER DO
BUT KILL
PEOPLE?

WHAT DID
YOU EVER
DO?



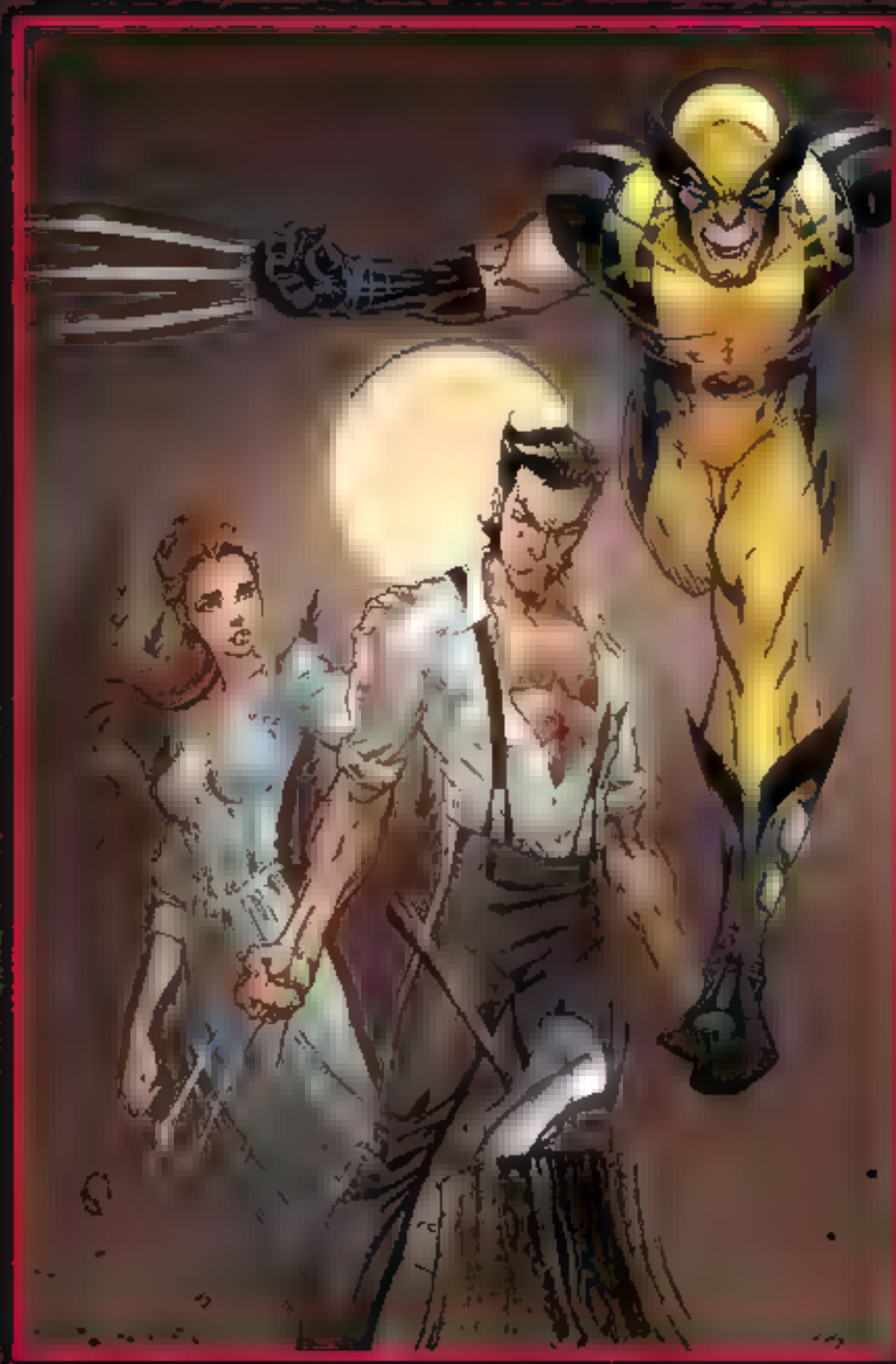
WHAT DID
YOU
EVER--





END

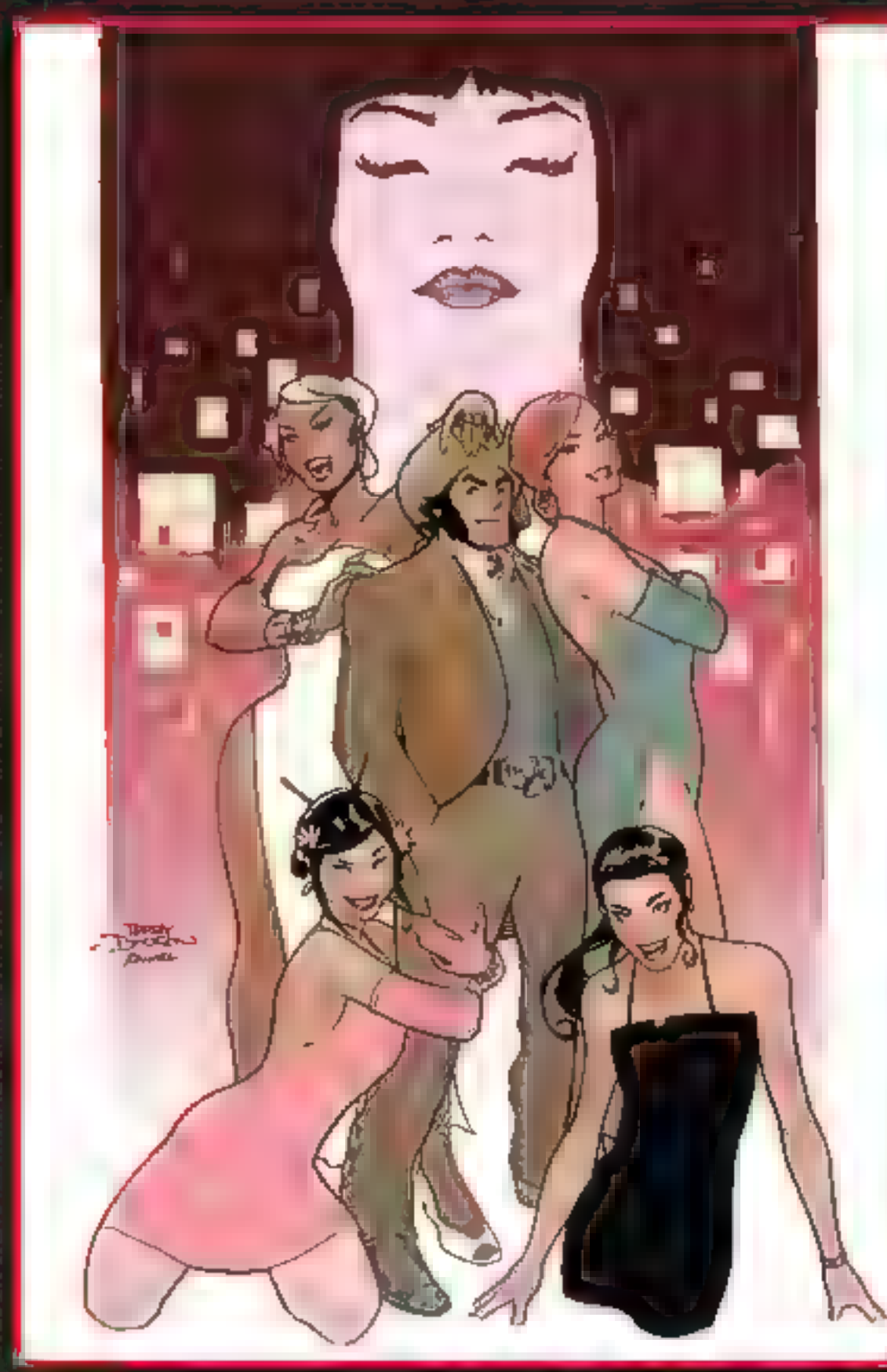
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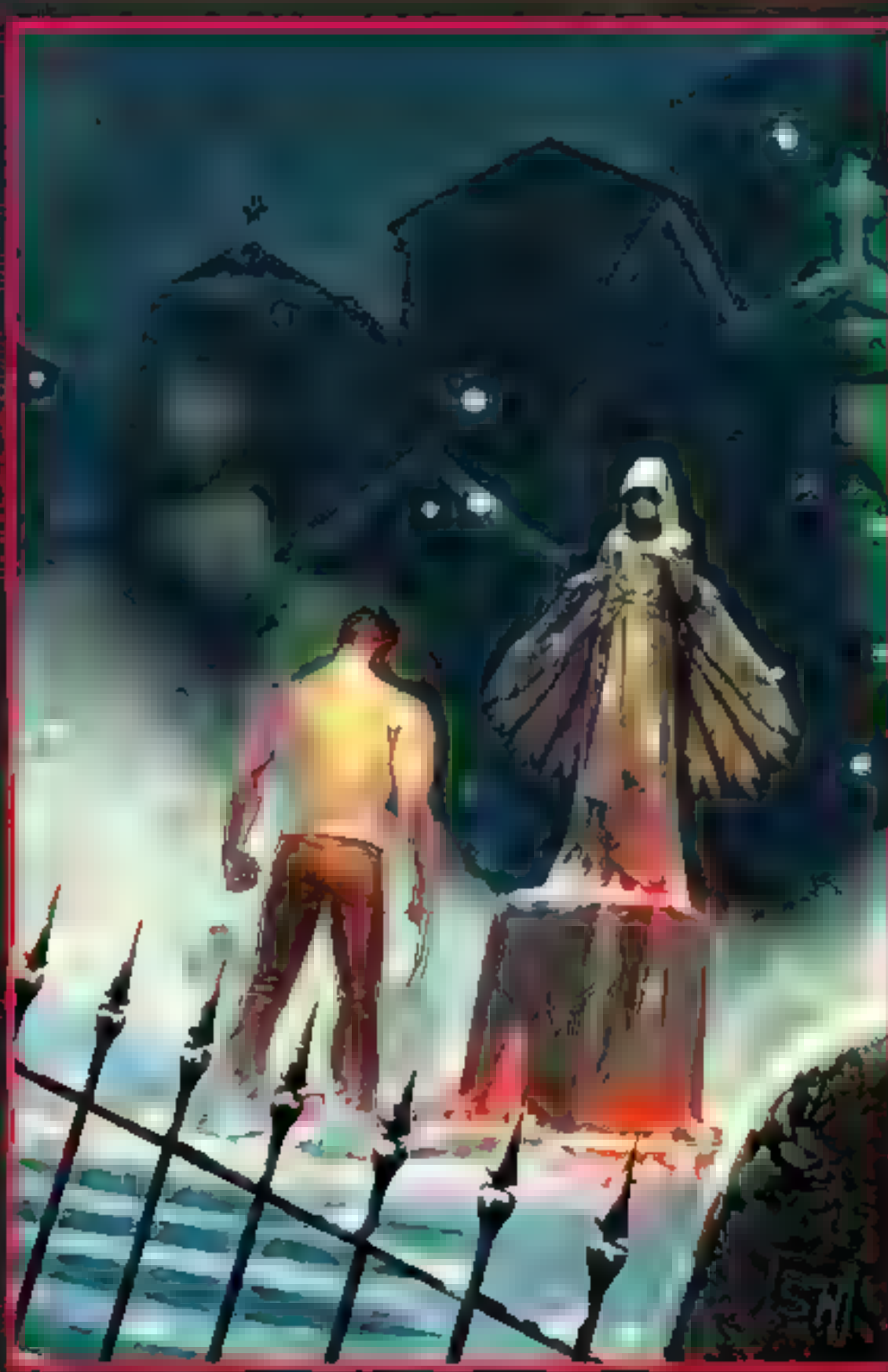
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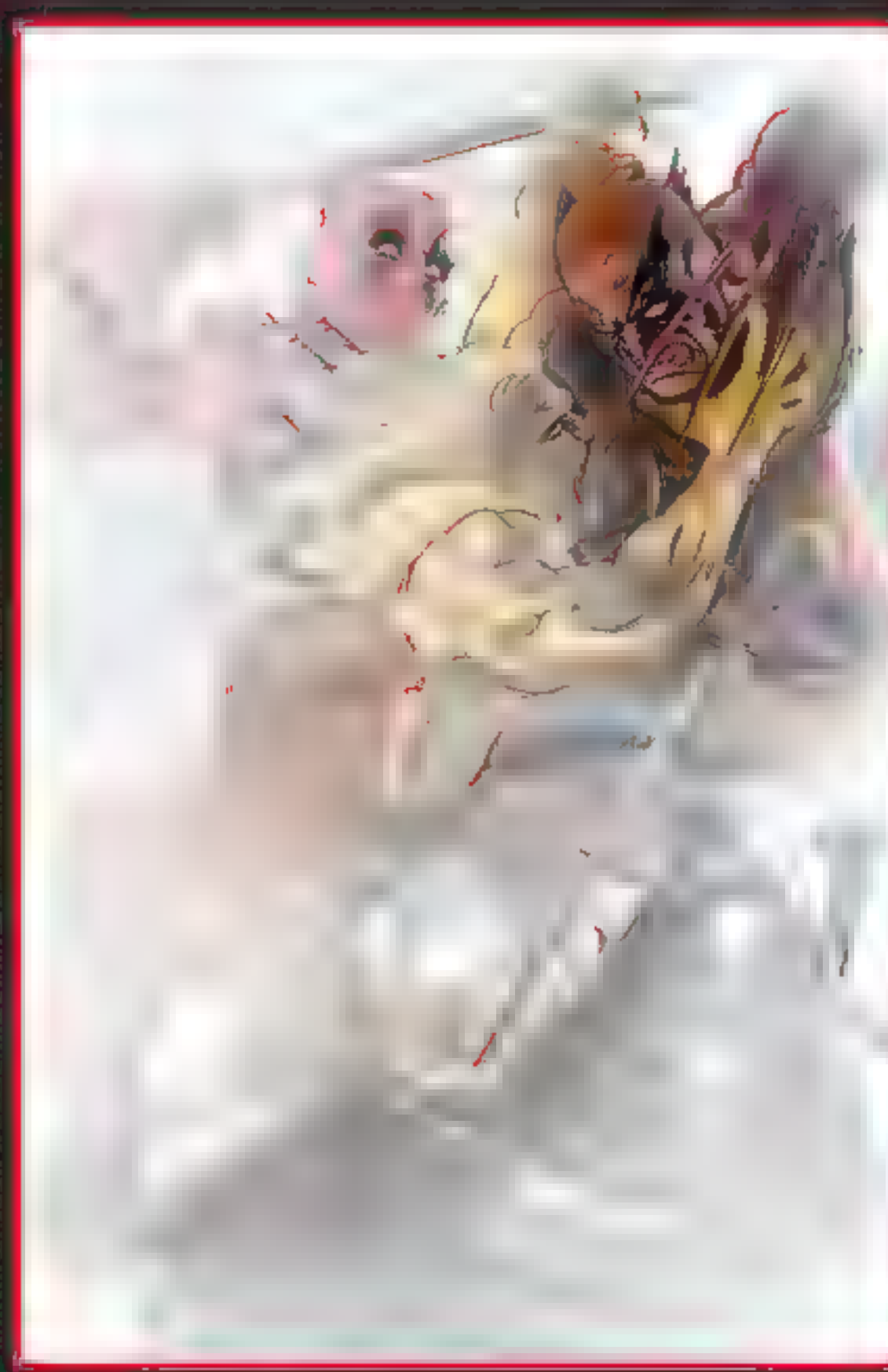
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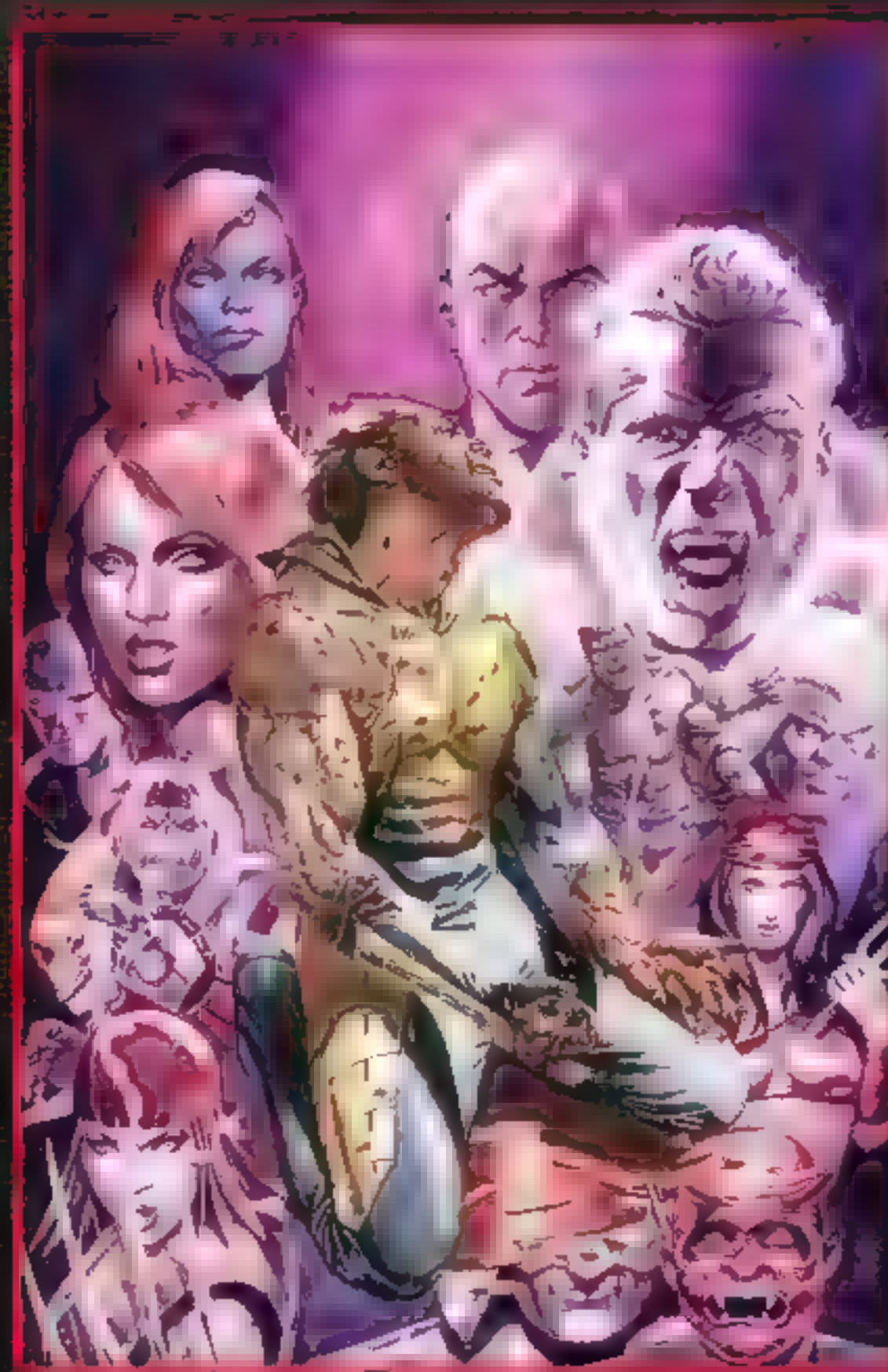
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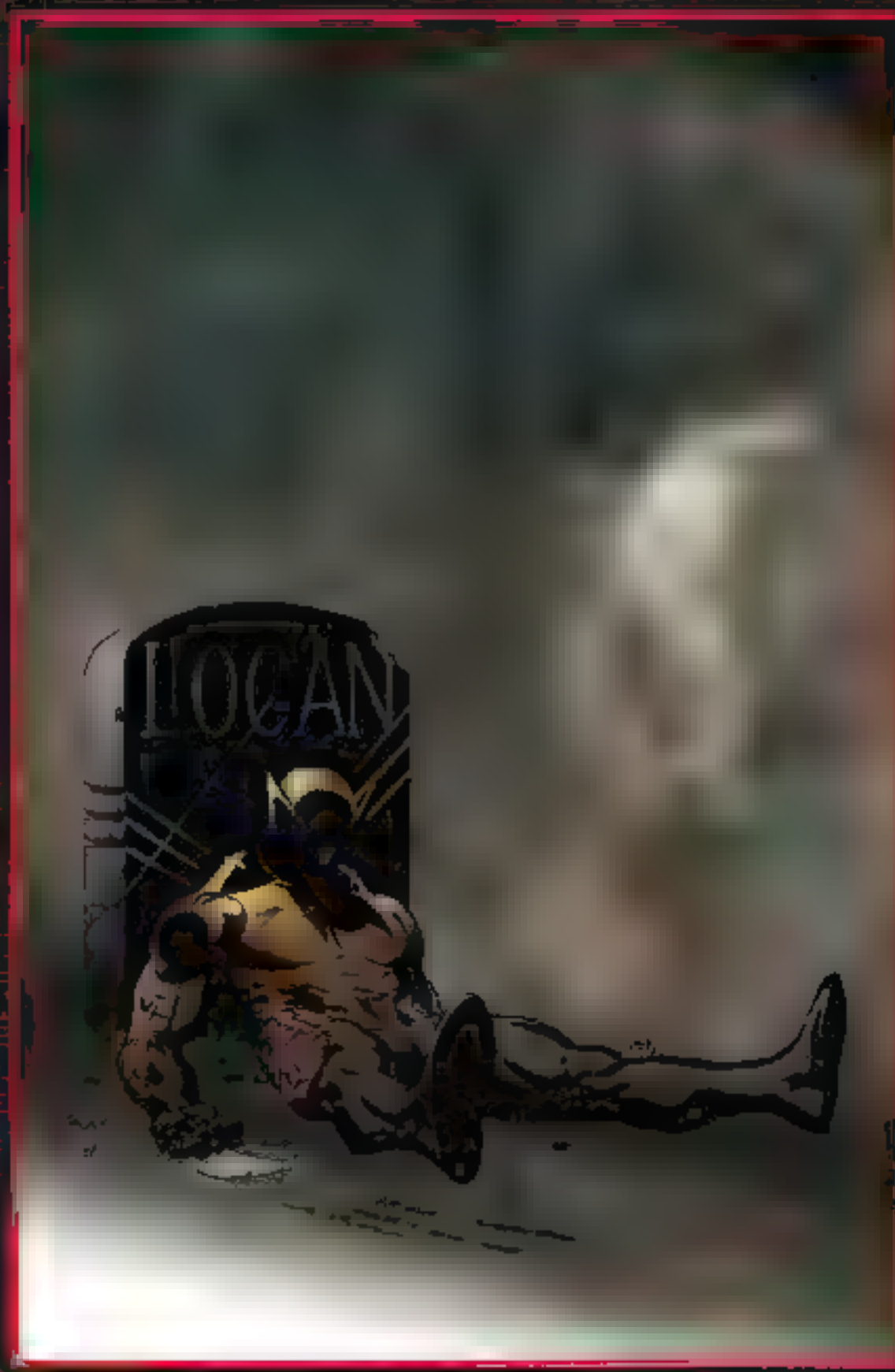


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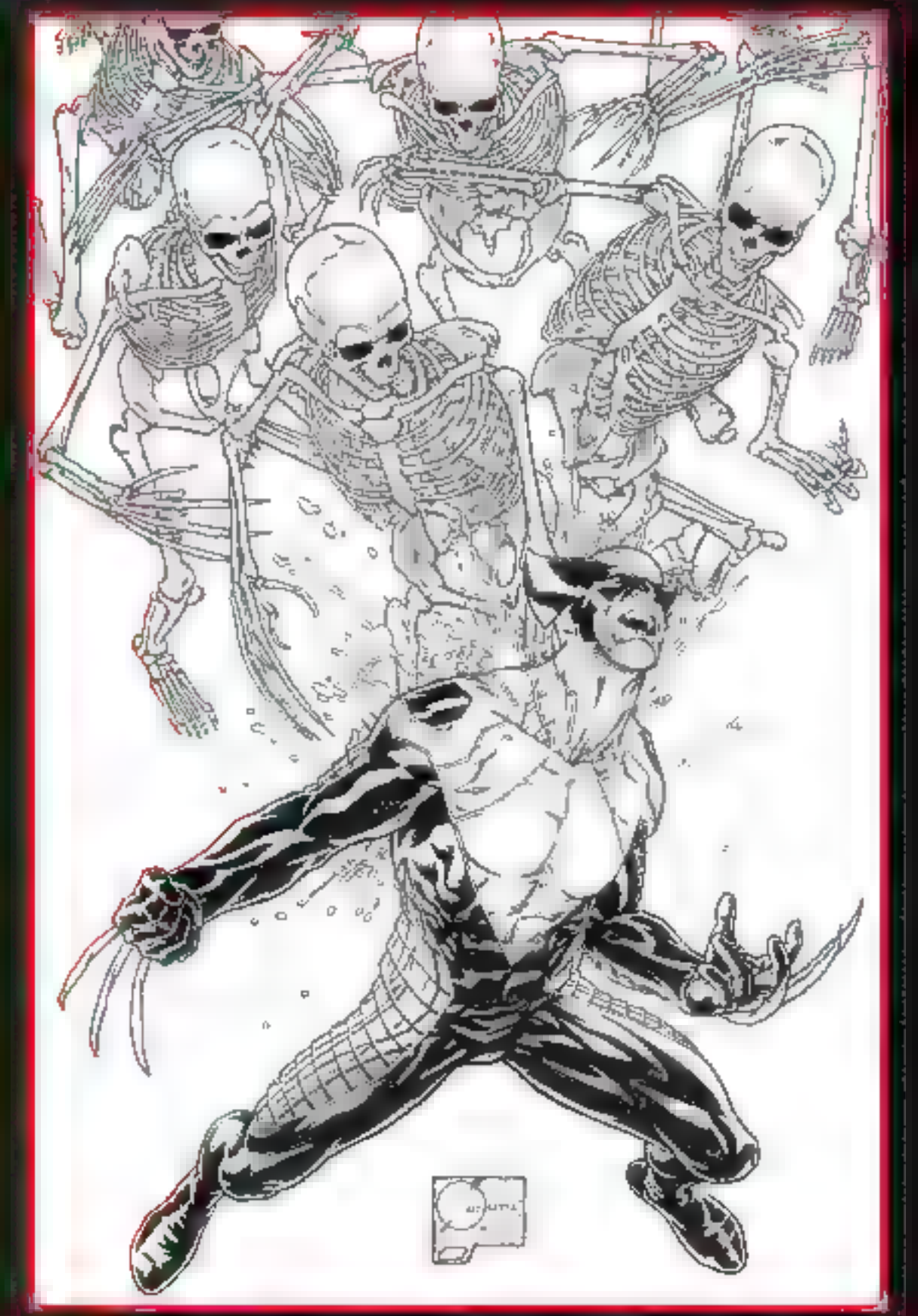
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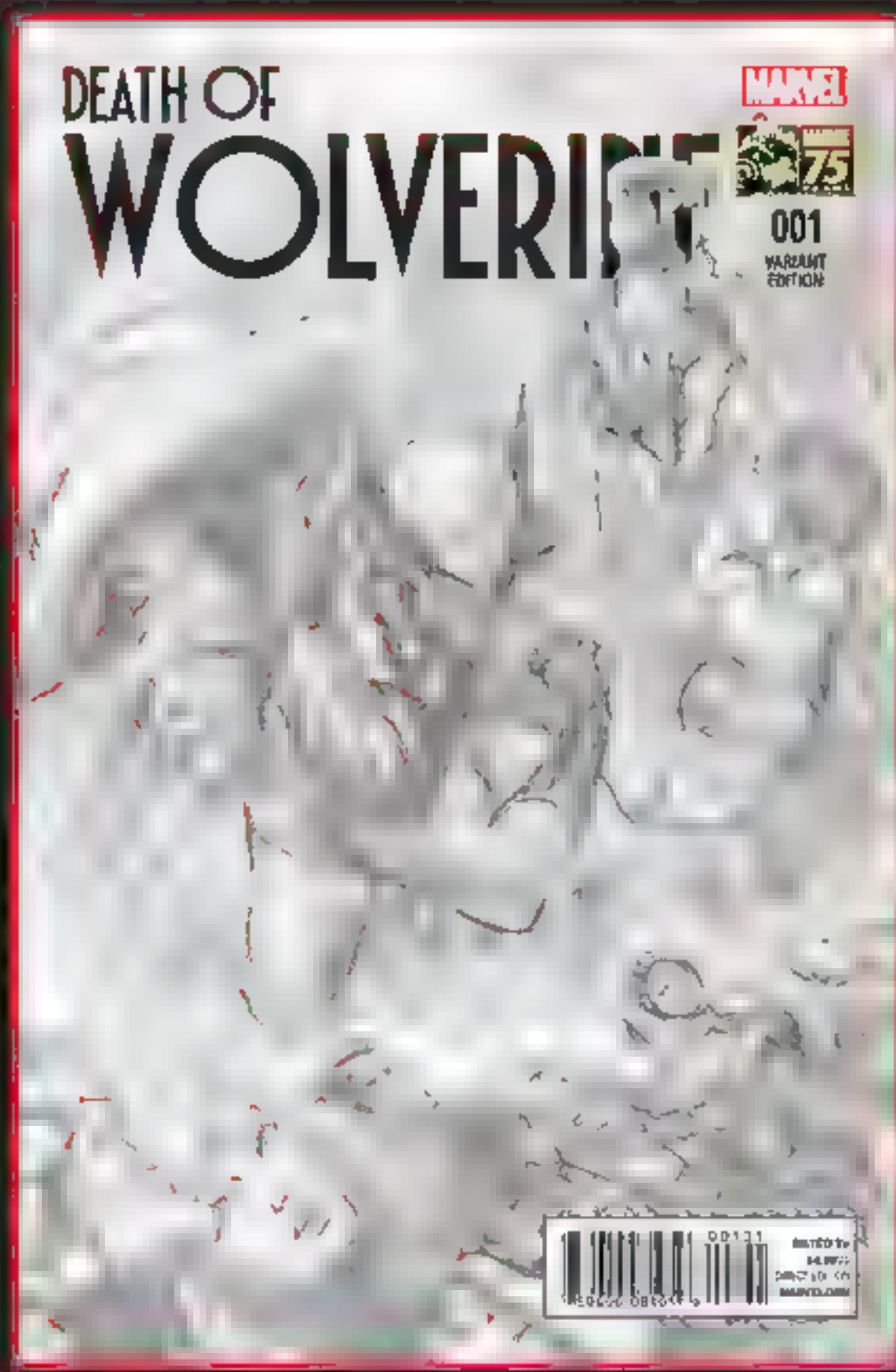
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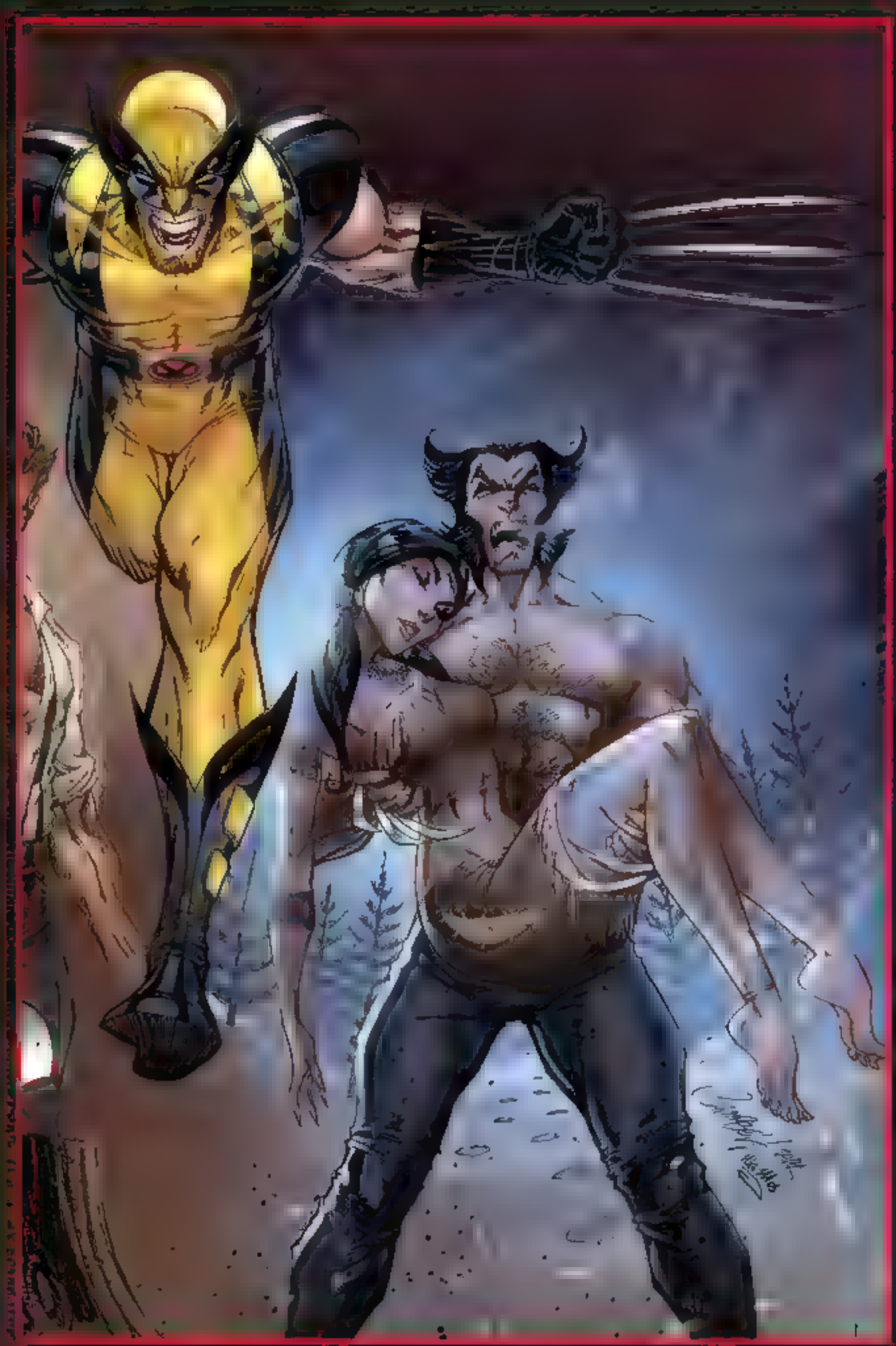


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ARTIST: JUAN DOE



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BEING ASKED TO WRITE THIS BOOK WAS ALL THE THINGS YOU WOULD PROBABLY EXPECT IT TO BE, AND SINCE A QUOTE ABOUT THAT WOULDN'T BE ALL THAT REVELATORY, I'D RATHER TALK ABOUT THE EXPERIENCE OF MAKING IT. I KICKED AROUND A FEW METAPHORS, AND AFTER SOME SERIOUS DELIBERATION, DECIDED TO GO NAUTICAL. I'VE NEVER BEEN A SAILOR ON A 19TH CENTURY SHIP, BUT I'VE READ A LOT OF BOOKS ABOUT THOSE INTREPID FOLKS. EVERY ONE OF THEM, FROM THE CAPTAIN ON DOWN, HAD TO KNOW THEIR JOB PERFECTLY WHILE ALSO RELYING COMPLETELY ON THE IDEA THAT EVERYONE ELSE KNEW THEIR JOB PERFECTLY, OR THEIR LITTLE SPECK OF LIVABLE ENVIRONMENT WOULD SINK INTO THE BOTTOM OF THE DISTINCTLY UN-LIVABLE ENVIRONMENT SURROUNDING THEM. THE INVENTION AND OPERATION OF TALL SHIPS ALWAYS STRIKES ME AS ONE OF THE MOST INCREDIBLE ACHIEVEMENTS OF HUMAN INGENUITY.

WAS *DEATH OF WOLVERINE* QUITE AS AMAZING AS INVENTING A SCHOONER AND SAILING IT AROUND THE WORLD? NO. IT'S A COMIC, ALBEIT A COMIC WHICH ATTEMPTS TO PROVIDE A NOBLE, FITTING END TO AN EXTRAORDINARILY WELL-KNOWN POP CULTURE FIGURE. NO ONE WOULD DIE IF WE SCREWED UP (EXCEPT LOGAN, OBVIOUSLY), BUT HERE'S THE THING—EVERYONE ON THE TEAM ACTED AS IF WE WOULD. A LEVEL OF PROFESSIONALISM AND DEDICATION TO CRAFT THAT DOESN'T ALWAYS SHOW UP IN ENTERTAINMENT PRODUCTS APPEARED, AND STUCK AROUND TO THE VERY LAST PAGE. EVERYONE WANTED TO MAKE SOMETHING SPECIAL, AND A-GAMES WERE BROUGHT ALL AROUND. MCNIVEN, LEISTEN, PONSOR, ELIOPOLOUS, ALONSO, MARTS, KUBERT AND JAROWEY (NOT TO MENTION ALL THE BEHIND-THE-SCENES FOLKS WHO HAD THEIR HANDS ON THIS PROJECT IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER)—THAT'S A HELL OF A CREW, AND I WAS SO GLAD TO BE A PART OF IT. THANK YOU TO ALL OF THEM, AND TO EVERY READER WHO GAVE THIS BOOK A TRY. ON TO THE NEXT ONE!

—CHARLES SOULE
WRITER

WHAT CAN I SAY? THIS HAS BEEN AN AMAZING TIME FOR ME, WORKING ON THE BOOK WITH SUCH A TALENTED GROUP OF FOLKS DURING SUCH A PIVOTAL MOMENT IN A CHARACTER'S HISTORY.

I CAN ONLY HOPE THAT I DID JUSTICE TO CHARLES' WONDERFUL SCRIPTS, AND THAT I DIDN'T CAUSE TOO MANY HEADACHES FOR JAY AND JUSTIN OVER THE COURSE OF PUTTING THIS SERIES TOGETHER.

I JUMPED AT THE CHANCE TO DO THIS BOOK WHEN MIKE OFFERED IT TO ME, AS WOLVERINE IS ONE OF THOSE CHARACTERS THAT I LOVE TO DRAW, AND I GOTTA SAY THIS HAS BEEN ONE OF THOSE TIMES WHEN I RELISHED EVERY MOMENT OF DRAWING THESE PAGES.

THOSE LAST FEW PAGES, THOUGH, DIFFICULT STUFF TO DRAW, BUT I HOPE IT CONNECTS TO SOME OF THE READERS OF THIS SERIES AND FANS OF WOLVERINE. MAY HE REST IN PEACE.

—STEVE MCNIVEN
PENCILLER

IN MY EARLY TEENS I MET A CHARACTER THAT WOULD CHANGE MY LIFE, LOGAN, OR PATCH, AS HE WAS CALLED ON THE ROUGH STREETS OF MADRIPOOR. BEFORE THEN I HAD BEEN AWARE OF COMICS AND A FAN OF MANY CHARACTERS IN THE GENRE, BUT SOMETHING ABOUT HIM AND THE WAY HE WAS DRAWN WAS DIFFERENT. AT THE TIME, MARC SILVESTRI WAS DRAWING *UNCANNY X-MEN* AND THERE WAS A REAL POWER IN HIS DRAWINGS, ESPECIALLY WOLVERINE. HE MADE HIM SO INTENSE WITH A DARKNESS TO HIS OUTWARD APPEARANCE. WHEN MARC MOVED OVER TO DRAW THE WOLVERINE SOLO TITLE, I WAS SOLD IMMEDIATELY! THE ENERGY HE BROUGHT, ALONG WITH INKER DAN GREEN, WAS SO INTENSE! THAT RUN WITH HIM AND SABRETOOTH (42-45? 1991) IS SOME OF MY FAVORITE COMICS. IT'S ALL FUR, TEETH AND VISCERAL PASSION, WITH THIS GREAT ARTWORK THAT FLIPPED A SWITCH FOR ME. I WONDERED WHAT IT WOULD TAKE TO DO THE ART IN THE BOOKS I WAS SEEING EVERY WEEK. NOW 20 YEARS LATER HERE I AM WORKING ON THE CHARACTERS THAT STARTED IT ALL, WITH A GROUP OF FRIENDS AND CO-WORKERS WHO ARE ALL TRYING TO GIVE ANOTHER GENERATION THAT SAME KIND OF STORY WHICH WILL IGNITE THE PASSION IN THEM TO CREATE AN EXPERIENCE MUCH THE SAME AS THIS. *DEATH OF WOLVERINE* IS EXACTLY THE KIND OF PROJECT I'D HOPED IT WOULD BE. A FOND FAREWELL, TO A FRIEND, FROM PEOPLE WHO LOVED HIM. YOUR FURRY ARMS AND HAIR WINGS WILL BE MISSED, MY FRIEND.

—JAY LEISTEN
INKER

(AT THE TIME OF PRODUCTION, JUSTIN WAS GUNNING TO PUT THE LAST FINISHING TOUCHES ON THIS ISSUE...SO WE LET HIM DO WHAT HE DOES BEST, AND HAVE THE COLORS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES. —EDITORIAL)

—JUSTIN PONSOR
COLORIST

I'VE ALWAYS FOUND WOLVERINE TO BE A REALLY COOL CHARACTER. THE MYSTERIOUS LONER WHO CAN BARELY CONTROL HIS DARK SIDE, BUT ALWAYS STRIVING TO DO WHAT'S RIGHT. TO BE BETTER THAN WHAT PEOPLE THOUGHT HE WAS. WHEN I WAS ON-STAFF AT MARVEL MANY YEARS AGO, I HAD THE JOY OF DOING LETTERING CORRECTIONS AS WELL AS THE LOGO FOR THE WEAPON X SERIES. SO, I'VE BEEN THERE FOR HIS BIRTH AND NOW HIS DEATH...AND, WHO KNOWS, PERHAPS BEYOND. WOLVERINE AND PUCK, MY TWO FAVORITE CHARACTERS IN THE MARVEL UNIVERSE. BOTH ARE SHORT, MYSTERIOUS AND CANADIAN. STRANGELY, JUST LIKE ME...EXCEPT THE MYSTERIOUS AND CANADIAN PART.

—CHRIS ELIOPOULOS
LETTERER

FOLLOW THE REPERCUSSIONS OF WOLVERINE'S DEATH
IN THESE TITLES FROM MARVEL:

WOLVERINE AND
THE X-MEN #10



WOLVERINE AND
THE X-MEN #11



DEADPOOL &
CAPTAIN AMERICA #1



STORM #4



STORM #5



NIGHTCRAWLER #7



LIFE AFTER LOGAN #1



THE WEAPON X
PROGRAM #1-5



THE LOGAN
LEGACY #1-7





NATHAN